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Attention Press Outlets,

81C is honored to announce the launch of an upcoming art exhibition, *Euphoria* - New works by Prea Bhandari. It is 81C's most expansive show to date.

An opening reception event for the show will take place at 81C on Saturday, December 11, (5PM to midnight) at 81C's downtown location on Strand Gade in historic Charlotte Amalie. Chandon and Prophecy wines will be offered free of charge, sponsored by West Indies Co.

This art exhibition is made up of 39 pieces, spanning both the 81C gallery and bar/reception area.

**SHOW DESCRIPTION:**

St. Thomas artist Prea Bhandari's debut exhibition, *Euphoria*, is a color-burst-rebellion and a strong statement from a young artist achieving her prolific pursuit. Presenting a dynamic blend of both abstract craft and portraiture, Ms. Bhandari's artistic practices are both technically mysterious and purely cutting edge. This exhibition's thirty nine pieces were created throughout 2021, culminating in a psychedelic collection that

challenges preconceptions of fine art while asking viewers to consider subjectively what each piece invokes within.

Artist statement:

“My art varies from purely abstract acrylic pour paintings to realistic oil portraits of women. I am heavily inspired by vibrant colors and feminine energy, and use these elements as tools to convey the emotions and ideas behind my pieces. Euphoria is an explosion of color, taking viewers on a journey through each painting.”

Artist Bio:

Prea Bhandari grew up on St. Thomas and has lived in Paris, Milan, and London. She has a degree in fashion design and marketing. Her graduate collection featured sustainable avant-garde fashion inspired by the drapings of upcycled, broken umbrellas, with an emphasis on circularity, organic textiles, and zero waste practices. She is currently based in the Virgin Islands.

**Event details:**

*Euphoria* / new works by Prea Bhandari

Saturday, December 11, 5PM-Midnight

Sponsored by Chandon, Prophecy Wines, and West Indies Co.

**Gallery Hours:**

81C is open every Wednesday 5-10PM and Sunday 2-8PM

**Location:** 81C – Downtown Charlotte Amalie. Strand Gade between waterfront and Market Square. Right around the corner from Moe’s Grocery on waterfront. Visit [www.81CVI.com](http://www.81CVI.com) for a map link. Or google 81C Virgin Islands.

**About 81C:**

81C is a newly opened event venue in historic downtown featuring a pop-up event space and art gallery. The space is available for private and public pop-up event rentals. 81C was launched by entrepreneur Zack Zook after several years of renovation and restoration to the (circa 1810) building located at 81C Kronprindsens Gade. The space is currently operated by Joseph Hewes, Augustin Kelvin Holder, and Zack Zook.

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