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## Everyday Reverie: The Art of Matt Marquette

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, Nova Scotia (July 3, 2025) – ARTSPLACE Gallery welcomes "Sailing through light: The dance of seas and skies," a contemplative collection of oil paintings by Halifax artist Matt Marquette. On view from July 26 to August 30, 2025, the exhibition features impressionistic works that trace the quiet interplay of light, memory, and place, revealing the subtle beauty held within everyday moments.

A self-taught painter, Marquette's practice is rooted in daily repetition and a devotion to careful observation. His subjects—coastal landscapes, quiet interiors, and intimate still life arrangements—are rendered in soft, expressive brushwork and a nuanced, atmospheric palette.

"These works invite stillness, asking us to pause and witness the transient qualities of light and form," said Ted Lind, ARTSPLACE Board Member.

"There's something profound in the ordinary," Marquette explains. "I paint to understand colour, form, and space—but also to connect. A single brushstroke can carry meaning. A familiar view can hold a kind of truth." In "Sailing through light," that impulse becomes tangible: each painting balances presence with memory, and clarity with impression.

Originally from Brampton, Ontario, Marquette now lives and works in Halifax, Nova Scotia. His home studio practice is grounded in discipline, reflection, and community connection. He has led independent paint nights to share the joy of the creative process, and remains engaged with the public through his work at the Halifax Public Library. Marquette's paintings have been exhibited locally and recognized by Visual Arts Nova Scotia. Through Instagram (@matt.the.painter), he shares both finished pieces and glimpses into his process with a growing audience.

*Matt Marquette's "Sailing through light: The dance of seas and skies" opening reception Sat. July 26, 2025, 12-2 p.m. Light refreshments served, all welcome. Exhibition continues through August 30.*

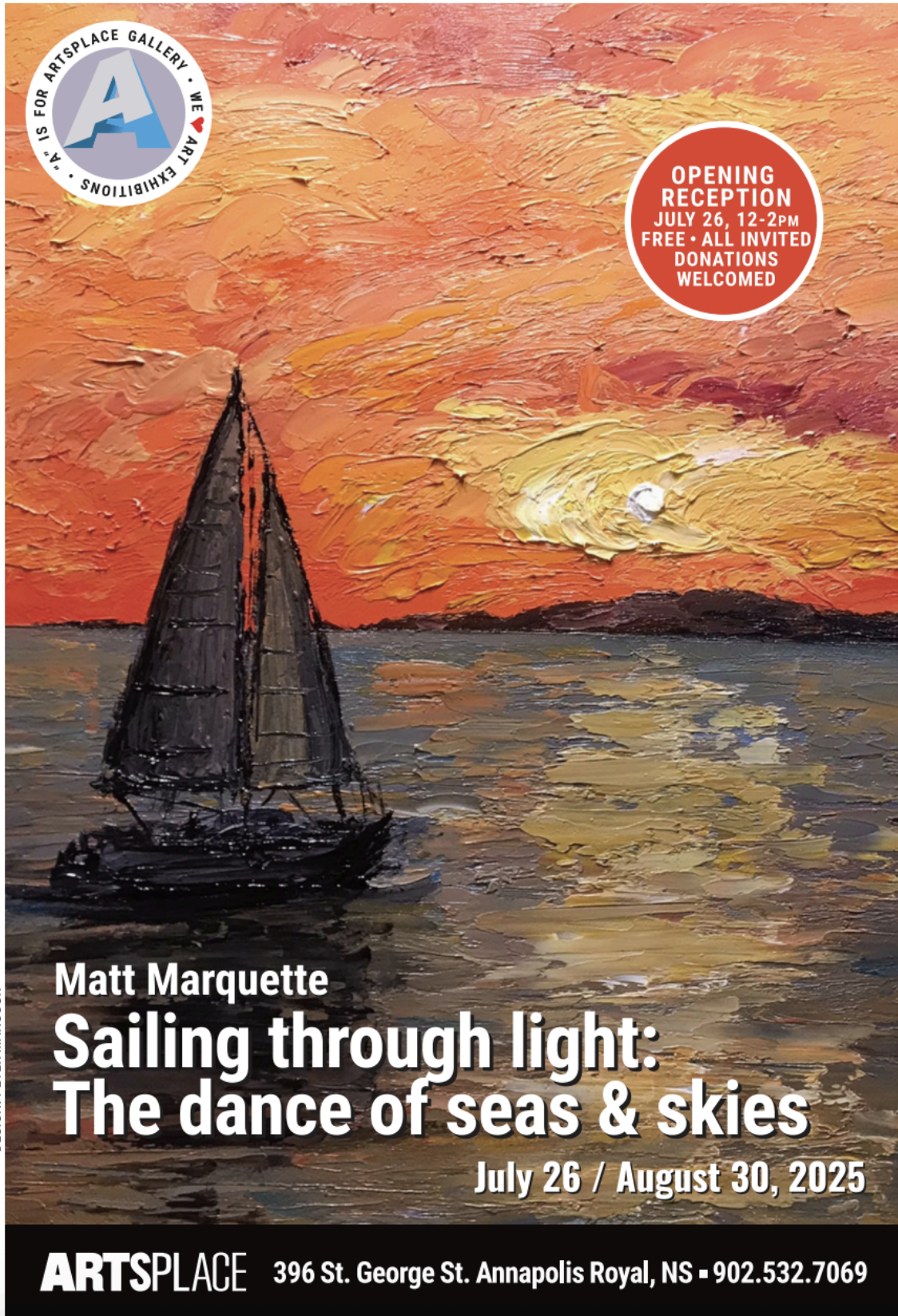
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