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Nature photo exhibit to benefit 1Matters

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Tour manager for rock stars/photographer Harry Sandler will debut a show at 20 North Gallery on Oct. 5.

The exhibit "Nature's Peace: One Man's View of Nature" will benefit 1Matters, a local organization committed to helping the homeless. Ken Leslie, founder of 1Matters, met Sandler while filming a promotional video with John Mellencamp in Windsor, Ontario.

Sandler was impressed with Leslie's organization.

"I like what they're doing and I've always said that anyone could be homeless any minute," he said. Sandler first exhibited in Toledo last year, also to help 1Matters.

"Harry is the kind of guy who just loves giving back for what he has received," Leslie said.

Sandler recently returned from helping out Katy Perry on a jaunt that included Singapore, Hong Kong and Bali. He has also worked on tours for Bruce Springsteen, Billy Joel, Barbra Streisand and Van Halen.

But before music came photography. Sandler got his first camera from his father at 8 years old. He later worked as a freelance photographer for Rolling Stone and other publications in New York City.

Growing up in Atlantic City, N.J., and New York City, Sandler said he didn't have many opportunities to photograph nature. His current exhibit features landscape photos taken during the past three or four years. Some of the photos are up to 4 feet wide.

"I don't know when I became a landscape photographer but I watched Ken Burns, the documentary on national parks, and I think that was a real turning point for me," Sandler said. "You can really show emotions with landscape photography once you understand it."

Sandler will also teach a course of taking and editing pictures with iPhones while he's in town. "iPhoneography 101" is set for 10 a.m. Oct. 6 at 20 North Gallery. The class costs \$45 to attend. Tickets are available at www.1matters.org/donate/iphone.

"I got an iPhone in 2008 and I realized you could have fun with it. It kind of reminded me of the Polaroid my father gave me," Sandler said, adding that he also takes pictures with his iPad.

Sandler's landscape exhibit runs through Oct. 28. Tickets to the Oct. 5 premier are \$50. There will be a wine bar and hors d'oeuvres.

All proceeds benefit 1Matters. 20 North Gallery is located at 18 N. St. Clair St., Toledo. Tickets are available at the website www.1matters.org/donate/harry.

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