

# Iconic Chicago Artist Michael Bertiaux celebrates 91st birthday with art exhibition and festival

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- Artist Michael [Bertiaux](#) celebrates his 91st birthday with an art and music festival this month at [Illuminated](#) Brew Works.

Titled "Short Cut to Initiation - A Celebration of the Life and Art of Michael Bertiaux", the festival features an exhibition of his art, lectures on esoteric subjects, an "occult burlesque" performance, a trivia contest, and music by psychedelic band Stoned Ancestor (Gillette, WY) and goth band Black Lotus [Kult](#) (Nashville, TN). Additionally, Illuminated Brew Works will launch "Black Poppy Lady Belgian Ale" the second in a series of beverages featuring Michael's art on the label.

Born in Seattle, WA, Michael served as a clergyman in the Episcopalian Church in West Seattle and later Haiti, before moving to Chicago, IL in the 1960's. Once there, he began a career as a social worker, with a caseload in Chicago's Southside. He also began a writing career, with dozens of works published through the years, including many foreign language translations. A life-long artist, with formal training while attending Seattle University, he has contributed paintings to a number of publications, notably the works of British occultist Kenneth Grant.



An example of Bertiaux's "Black Poppy Lady"

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Art is really it's own gnosis”

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