Not so elementary

There’s an air of mystery in art exhibit based on Sherlock Holmes stories

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More than 130 years after the first Sherlock Holmes story was published, the master sleuth remains an icon of popular culture. In addition to inspiring movies and television shows, Holmes lives on in tales spun by writers such as Palm Beach resident Phil Growick. He’s not only written two novels plus short stories about Holmes’ adventures, he’s also curated an exhibition featuring artwork inspired by short stories by writers who have followed in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s footsteps.

“The Art of Sherlock Holmes,” on view at the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens in West Palm Beach, includes 14 pieces of art created by Palm Beach County artists based on stories from the catalog of Growick’s illustrative publisher, MX Publishing. The firm is the largest publisher of Holmes books, according to its website.

The exhibition comes with a book featuring the art and short stories. Yet to come are new anthologies with art by artists from across the United States and around the world.

Growick, who is chairman of West Palm Beach’s Art in Public Places committee, conceived the series and solicited the artists. He aimed to match art with stories so that “if you read the stories first, you are driven to envision the entire story in a piece of art.” A former advertising executive and headliner for top advertising agencies, Growick has creative talents throughout his life.

He chose Vicki Sing for his story “Two Red Hairs,” in which one of the main characters is a mysterious woman, because “her art contains women beautifully,” he said. Sing’s artwork, which combines painting and photography and uses intense colors, is dominated by a woman’s face. It also features an ancient Egyptian Eye of Horus and a figure in a boat on the water.

“This story really gave me the opportunity to combine all the elements of the story but to be true to my own art style,” said the PB-based artist.

Growick’s artist Tracy Guibane’s take on Mike Stover’s story “The Tranquility of the Morning” portrays Holmes in front of a fireplace smoking a pipe and drinking a vasa, which figures in the story and stands on the mantelpiece.

The five words of the title are embodied in the painting. She often hides words in her art, which was perfect for this one, she said. “I wanted viewers to see Holmes and find the words.”

West Palm Beach resident Terry Rybovcich’s piece commemorates David Morley’s story “The Slide Rail.” In the story, Rybovcich’s artwork “works to revive a trough to recover a forgotten bone.”

Growick’s artist Tony Guibane’s vision of a contemplative Holmes.

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MOVIE REVIEW

“All is True”

1 hr. 41 min. PG-13:

Directed by Michael Hopkins

Starring Kenneth Branagh, Will嫩, Tom Hiddleston, Clive Owen, Judi Dench, Jonathan Pryce

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