



Downtown Raleigh Art Gallery Presents New Works by Jason Craighead

Raleigh, NC, January 16, 2008 --(PR.com)-- For the first time since October 2006, abstract expressionist Jason Craighead will present his latest work in a Raleigh venue when he joins artist Tricia McKellar for a special exhibit entitled "Microcosm/Macrocosm" to be held at the Miriam Preston Block Art Gallery in the Avery Upchurch Municipal Building in downtown Raleigh (222 West Hargett Street). The exhibit will open with an artists' reception on First Friday, February 1, 5-7 p.m., and remain up through March 13.

Craighead, who recently served as a member of the City of Raleigh Arts Commission's (RAC) 30th Anniversary Committee, will hang nine new paintings for the show ranging in size from approximately 16x18 to 80x80.

"My current work includes ideas on construction, deconstruction, revitalization, and the energies produced in an urban environment," the artist said recently. "They're not depictions of reality, but responses to the visual treat that is everyday city life within the structure and chaos that surrounds us. There is beauty to be found in the grit if we choose to be observant."

The artist's last Raleigh show was held at the former Glance Gallery on West Martin Street. He is currently represented by Somerhill Gallery in Chapel Hill, Broadhurst Gallery in Pinehurst, New Elements Gallery in Wilmington, Anne Irwin Fine Art in Atlanta, GA, and Bucks Gallery of Fine Art in Newtown, PA.

A selection panel of visual arts professionals and member of the Arts Commission select the artists whose work is displayed in the gallery. The Municipal Building Art Exhibition program began as a means to support Raleigh's visual arts community with opportunities to exhibit work in a visible and professional downtown location. For more information contact June Guralnick at 919-890-3610.

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