

To Celebrate American Craft Week Surface Craft Gallery will hold a **TRUNK SHOW**

by KAMINER HAISLIP



October 9, 2014

6 - 8pm

Charleston Silversmith, Kaminer Haislip, will have handmade, sterling silver jewelry and home decor for purchase.



Surface Craft Gallery

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Atrium Art Gallery in Charleston Features Works by John Thompson

Atrium Art Gallery in Charleston, SC, will present an exhibit of original silkscreens on rice paper by John Thompson (American, b. 1950), on view from Oct. 1 through Nov. 30, 2014. A reception will be held on Oct. 3, from 5-8pm, during the French Quarter Art Walk.

Thompson's work is in numerous public and private collections throughout the United States and in locations internationally. HUSK Charleston and HUSK Nashville restaurants commissioned Thompson prior to opening these award winning, nationally top rated and celebrated restaurants to create large monoprints - original silkscreens on rice paper to adorn their walls throughout the restaurant. These refreshing images evoke the fleeting beauty of small moments in nature: the play of light on leafy branches, the rustle of wind through grass, the ripple of raindrops across a pond.

Thompson uses gouache and multiple screens to orchestrate his monoprints, carefully building and layering overlapping elements. Each monoprint is a unique work of art, a harmonious symphony of pattern, texture, color, and light.

Inspired by direct observation of the natural world, Thompson's process begins with a series of sketches executed en plein air. He frequents the banks of rivers, marshes and ponds, both in the Boston area and in the Lowcountry. He collects imagery from favorite spots like the Edisto and Combahee rivers and marshes in and around Charleston and its barrier islands. Back in his studio, Thompson uses these sketches to develop the patterns and motifs that he will later transfer onto woodblocks and silkscreens for printing. His studio contains a virtual library of matrices, depicting everything from a few blades of grass to a flotilla of lily pads.

Thompson's love of materials has led him to employ a combination of techniques - including woodblock printing, screen printing, intaglio methods, and freehand painting - in a single image. His printmaking process is a very physical one, entirely



Work by John Thompson

"reactive to the image itself". He actively moves around the print as he turns a matrix first one way, then another, adding a dash of ink here, blotting something out over there, and gradually adding layer upon layer to build the composition.

Thompson's ever-expanding library of matrices provides him with an almost infinite array of possibilities. He returns to the same image day after day, using dozens of screens and blocks to create a single print. While it is easy to overwork a composition in this manner, for Thompson, a willingness to experiment is paramount. "I never know what will come out," Thompson says, "It's very important to take risks, to incorporate the possibility of failure". He is not afraid to push the limits of the image, to be "absolutely ruthless" and toss something out when necessary.

For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 843/973-3300 or visit (www.atriumartgallery.com).

Some Exhibits That Are Still On View

Our policy at Carolina Arts is to present a press release about an exhibit only once and then go on, but many major exhibits are on view for months. This is our effort to remind you of some of them.

The Hickory Museum of Art in Hickory, NC is presenting the work of internationally recognized artist Wolf Kahn. Wolf Kahn: Then & Now will be on view through Oct. 12, 2014, in the Museum's Coe Gallery. This is one of the most comprehensive Wolf Kahn exhibitions ever assembled. The show offers visitors the opportunity to compare and contrast similarities and differences created by an artist who is widely considered one of the premier landscape painters. The early bold, emotional landscapes are linked to the Abstract Expressionist movement of the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. Kahn's paintings and pastels from half a century later



Wolf Kahn, "Yellow Uphill," 2013, 16x16", oil on canvas, Courtesy of Jerald Melberg Gallery, Charlotte, NC.

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Jennifer Smith Rogers



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