



# Arts International

A celebration of Art and Culture

**March 31, 2012**  
**10 a.m. until 5 p.m.**  
**Free Admission • Rain or Shine**



[www.fmarion.edu/news/artsinternational](http://www.fmarion.edu/news/artsinternational)

**PERFORMING ARTISTS**

Sandhurst Youth Choir	Pans in the Sand
Professor Bottleneck & Harmonica Frank	Continental Divide featuring Gene Pharr
Bay Street Brassworks	Michael Charles Blues Band
Xin Jie Becky Culbertson, accompanist	Ngoma Za Kongo African Drummers
The Palmetto Mastersingers	Rockin' Jake
The Blues Buckets	Chinese Acrobats Bureau of Lectures
Carolina Ballet Theatre	

**Exotic Foods**  
from around the World

**Art Show**  
Artists from SC and NC  
**VISITING ARTIST - Soul (West Africa)**

**International Bazaar**  
**Global Village**  
**Our Corporate World**

**Chalk Art • Book Sale**

**Especially for Kids**  
• Youth Art Center  
• Balloon Sculptures  
• Face Painting

## FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

### Coker College in Hartsville, SC, Features Works by Bryan Ritchie

Coker College in Hartsville, SC, is presenting the exhibit, *Bryan Ritchie: Works on Paper*, on view in the Cecelia Coker Bell Gallery through Mar. 23, 2012.



Work Bryan Ritchie

A contemporary artist specializing in drawing and printmaking, Ritchie is an associate professor of art in the School of Art and Design at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts at the University of Windsor, Ontario, and a Master of Fine Arts at the University of Colorado.

"Bryan Ritchie's drawings and prints are both whimsical and ominous," said Assistant Professor of Art and Gallery Director Larry Merriman. "I find myself

smiling and enjoying the visually rich qualities of his images, but also sense there may be a challenge around the corner. His art is a mysterious and engaging place where viewers can enjoy the journey as much as the destination."

"I consider my work to be a collection of opinions derived from social interactions, media influences, daily rituals and memories," explained Ritchie.

"The world I present can be cynical and misguided, but if I am successful, the work is also mischievous and ironic. While it often comes from a serious place, it is my desire for the viewer to find humor in the unlikely juxtaposition of forms and empathize with the characters as they cope with circumstances presented to them," he added.

The Cecelia Coker Bell Gallery is located in the Gladys C. Fort Art Building on the Coker College campus.

Coker College upholds and defends the intellectual and artistic freedom of its faculty and students as they study and create art through which they explore the full spectrum of human experience. The college considers such pursuits central to the spirit of inquiry and thoughtful discussion, which are at the heart of a liberal arts education.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the gallery at 843/383-8156 or visit (<http://www.wix.com/cokerartgallery/ccgb>).

public. This celebration of the visual and performing arts is for the whole family, with simultaneous performances at several different venues on campus.

The event, a union of Francis Marion

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### Spring 2012 Schedule

#### Soul of the Pee Dee

In honor of Black History Month  
February 3 - March 9, 2012

**March 9 - 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
Join Brass 5x5 for a relaxed, informal musical presentation

#### Call for Artist Participation!

Check the Art Trail Gallery website for participation forms. No charge for participation.

#### Upcoming Calls for Artists

##### March - April

**Photofabulous 2012** - Photography  
Comes in - Sunday, March 11, Monday, March 12, Tuesday, March 13  
Opening reception - Friday, March 16  
Final Day - Friday, April 27  
Exits - Saturday, April 28, Sunday, April 29

##### May - June

##### Visualicious 2012

All 2-D & 3-D - no photography  
Show comes in - Sat., May 5 and Sun., May 6  
Opening reception - May 11  
Final day - Friday, June 29  
Show Exits - Sat., June 30 and Sun., July 1

#### Chamber Music Concerts

The Art Trail Gallery features the best in Chamber Music experienced in a unique environment with incredible acoustic properties and warm, friendly people! All concerts begin at 5 p.m. and include the reception to follow for only \$10.

Send checks to the Art Trail Gallery Chamber Music, Attention: Roger Malfatti or purchase tickets at the gallery.

##### 2012

**March 25** - Atlantean Trio, University of NC, Wilmington

**April 22** - Chamber Music Charleston String Quartet

A project under the auspices of the Florence Downtown Development Corporation  
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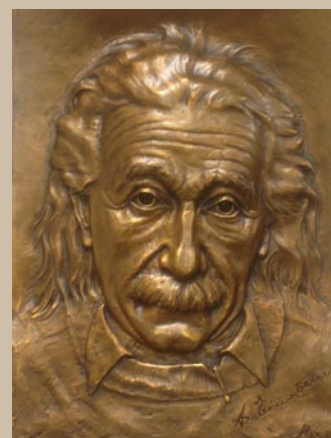
[www.art-trail-gallery.com](http://www.art-trail-gallery.com)

Facebook: Art Trail Gallery

**Open** Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Friday evenings 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Exhibit openings and daily visits are free to the public.



Einstein, bronze by Alex Palkovich

Home to the sculpture studio of Alex Palkovich

Keep watch at the Art Trail Gallery website or check out the Facebook group page or business page for additional events and concerts at the Gallery!

University's Art's Alive and the Pee Dee International Festival, will take place on the FMU campus. Musical performances are scheduled at stages indoors and outdoors.

Featured on the international stage are the Chinese Acrobats for the Bureau of Lectures; Ngoma Za Kongo; and steel drummers, Pans In The Sand.

The Bay Street Brassworks, a nationally and internationally acclaimed touring brass quintet and the Palmetto Mastersingers, a choral group of more than 60 men, will perform in Kassab Recital Hall in the Fine Arts Center.

The Blues Buckets of the UK and Virginia; Professor Bottleneck & Harmonica Frank of Germany; Michael Charles Blues Band of Australia; The Rockin' Jake Band of New Orleans; and Continental Divide of Charlotte, NC, will perform on the Blues/Beach Stage.

In addition, artists from all over the southeast region of the United States will be showing and selling their work at the festival. There will be oils, acrylics, pottery, woodwork, stained glass, jewelry,

metalwork, photography, basketry and more.

Food vendors representing countries all over the world will be on hand and cultural booths will have displays featuring global history, businesses and organizations. Also participate in a sidewalk chalk art competition and a recycled reading book sale.

The annual Art Show and Sale will be held from 10am to 5pm during the festival as well. This one-day exhibition and sales event is designed to promote the quality of diverse artisans residing in the region. In addition to booths displaying items for sale, several sites will have artisans demonstrating their skills. The art show will be juried, with cash awards of \$600, \$300 and \$150 awarded to first, second and third places, respectively.

For more information about the art show or Arts International, go to ([www.fmarion.edu/news/artsinternational](http://www.fmarion.edu/news/artsinternational)) or contact Kathy Johnson at the FMU Office of Public and Community Affairs at 843/661-1225, or e-mail at ([kjohnson@fmarion.edu](mailto:kjohnson@fmarion.edu)).

### CREATE! Conway in Conway, SC, Presents the Equinox Art & Music Fest - Mar. 24, 2012

On Saturday, Mar. 24, 2012, from noon-8pm, Conway's Farmers Market, located at 217 Laurel Street in downtown Conway, SC, will come alive with demonstrations by regional artists as well as live music. Visitors to downtown Conway can meet talented artists and musicians and purchase original art directly from the makers.

Watch as glass blowers create colorful works of art from molten glass; see potters shape clay into functional forms on the wheel; learn about encaustic painting techniques using heated wax and colored pigment and you will be amazed to see how baskets are made from pine needles.

Listen to a variety of great tunes and original music performed by local favorites: Coman Sproles, Randall Hill, Dan Barnhart, Matt Parris, Jesse Uzzel, Gray Click, Candice Marotta, Charles Grace, Brian Roessler and Wicked Gift!

CREATE! Conway presents the Equinox Art & Music Fest through the generous support of our volunteers, members, sponsors and the City of Conway.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, contact Barbara Streeter at 843/248-4527, e-mail to ([popsglass@aol.com](mailto:popsglass@aol.com)) or visit ([www.conwayartdistrict.blogspot.com](http://www.conwayartdistrict.blogspot.com)).

### Francis Marion University in Florence, SC, Offers Celebration of the Arts - Mar. 31, 2012

Francis Marion University officials are making preparations now to host its annual celebration of the arts on Saturday, Mar. 31, 2012.

Arts International will take place from 10am to 5pm and is free and open to the