

Arts International

NEW Time & Venue for 2015!

FMU Performing Arts Center
 Downtown Florence, SC • 201 S. Dargan Street
April 11, 2015 from 12noon - 6pm
FREE ADMISSION
Featured Performers



Jabali African Acrobats

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majestic landscape images of the American West. During this travel experience, the group went to places such as Yosemite National Forest, Mono Lake, Bodie Ghost Town and surrounding areas.

One of the goals of this trip was to experience just a little bit of how Adams created his iconic images by using a large format film camera. Students were also encouraged to photograph using digital means and emphasis was placed on creating images that define their personal vision and interpretation of the Eastern Sierra landscape.

The exhibit title references the enduring importance of the teacher-student model. The artists featured in this exhibit have a lineage to Ansel Adams because of the passing of information. One of Mixon's professors of photography (Gilbert Leebrick) was inspired by Adams and learned much directly from him. In turn, Leebrick shared this information and inspiration with Mixon, which she has shared with her students. This legacy of information will continue with the artists featured in this exhibit. The hope is that the students will take these fundamental techniques and ideas which have been passed on and apply them to their own purposes in image-based media.

The students' trip was funded by Francis Marion University's REAL (Ready to Experience Applied Learning) Grant Program, which is designed to enhance the student's learning through nontraditional learning and learning, which takes place outside of the classroom.

The Florence Regional Arts Alliance hopes Florence County will enjoy these encounters five local artists have captured. The exhibition will feature a looped video chronicling the artists' stories and experiences. The Alliance invites the viewer to connect with the artist by hearing their story and hopefully providing a deeper level of understanding between the gallery visitor and the artist.

The Artist Reception for this exhibit
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View from the Eastern Sierras trip

will coincide with the Florence Regional Arts Alliance's Arts Awards Presentations on May 12 in the Waters Building at 6pm. These prestigious awards annually recognize the important contributions that individuals, groups and businesses make to the cultural life of our community. This event and exhibit is made possible through the generous support of individual donors and the sponsorship of First Reliance Bank and *She Magazine*.

The Florence Regional Arts Alliance is a community-based local arts agency that serves the citizens of Florence County and the Pee Dee. It strives to promote the arts as a catalyst for community cohesiveness, educational advancement and economic growth.

For more information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Alliance Director, Uschi Jeffcoat at 843.407.3092 or visit (www.florenceartsalliance.org).

Vista Studios in Columbia, SC, Features Progressive Exhibition for Artista Vista

Feeling creative, the artists at Vista Studios decided to play a game. Based on the children's game of Gossip, where a phrase is secretly passed from one player to the next, the artists have used visual art in place of words. Partnering with the Columbia Museum of Art, the curator, Will South, choose a piece from the Charles Curran exhibit which is currently on display. He shared this inspiration piece with the first artist only, who was given 3 weeks to create a work of art and pass the new piece to the next artist. Each artist had 3 weeks to complete a work inspired from the image received.

The game has been in play since last Spring. None of the artists have seen the progression of work and are excited to share it at Artista Vista. Come to the opening Apr. 23, 2015, from 5-9pm and see what happens when artists play around and get inspired.

The exhibition *GOSSIP* will be on view in Gallery 80808, from Apr. 15 - 27. In addition to the Gossip game, the artists will present other new work.

Stephen Chesley, well known for his semi-abstract paintings, will present some new landscape pieces for the show.



Work by Laura Spong

Pat Gilmartin has been exploring a new direction with her art - that of glass fusing, sometimes combining fused glass with glass mosaics. She will be showing several of her new pieces, as well as some of the figurative



Work by Susan Lenz

ceramic pieces that she has become known for over the past several years.

Susan Lenz will show a selection of matted and framed floral images, which are the result from literally pounding delicate wildflower blossoms onto 100% cotton rag mat board. Clover, verbena, and other wildflowers were gathered from the artist's backyard. Pigment from the petals and leaves left realistic floral impressions, and each work was enhanced by only a few pencil lines. No watercolor or other technique was used.

Laurie McIntosh continues in her work in "Pages", an ongoing series of deconstructed paintings created with multiple layers of calligraphic marks and grounds. The deconstructed pages are then reassembled and unconventionally bound to create new visual relationships between the images.

Michel McNinch's work continues to reflect the South Carolina landscape with

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