

NC Institutional Galleries

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incorporated the ordered structure of architecture. His style changed, however, as Europe inched closer to war. Manessier chose religious subjects because they seemed as elusive and vast as the natural world. Towards the end of his life, he reflected on his 40 years of painting spiritual themes, saying they "were at my fingertips and at the same time, infinite." **Fourth-Floor Gallery, Through Sept. 9** - "Wrestling the Angel," an exhibition that examines how religion and sacred art appear in work made by seemingly secular, avant-garde artists. The examples on view critically investigate the role of religion and spirituality as both a social component and as a visual language often implicitly present in daily life, even if the image is not explicitly referencing the original religious source. **Ongoing** - The Bechtler Museum of Modern Art is named after the family of Andreas Bechtler, a Charlotte resident and native of Switzerland who assembled and inherited a collection of more than 1,400 artworks created by major figures of 20th-century modernism and donated it to the public trust. The Bechtler collection comprises artworks by seminal figures such as Alberto Giacometti, Joan Miro, Jean Tinguely, Max Ernst, Andy Warhol, Alexander Calder, Le Corbusier, Sol LeWitt, Edgar Degas, Nicolas de Stael, Barbara Hepworth and Picasso. Only a handful of the artworks in the Bechtler collection have been on public view in the United States. Admission: Yes. Hours: Mon., Wed.-Sat., 10am-5pm; Sun. noon-5pm; and open until 9pm the 1st. and 3rd. Fri. of each month. Contact: 704/353-9200 or at (www.bechtler.org).

New Location

Charlotte Art League Gallery & Studios, 600 E. Sugar Creek Rd., Charlotte. **Ongoing** - CAL houses one of the area's largest collections of local professional and emerging artists, offering affordable fine art in a variety of styles and media: acrylics, oil, pastel, watercolor, mixed media, photography and sculpture, and fiber art. Tour studios of working artists. Admission: Free. Hours: Tue.-Thur., 11am-3pm; Fri., 5-9pm; Sat., noon-4pm; Sun., 1-5pm. Closed Dec. 22-Jan. 1. Contact: 704/376-2787 or at (www.charlotteartleague.org).

Davidson College, Belk Visual Arts Center, 315 North Main and Griffith Streets, Davidson. **Van Every/Smith Galleries at Davidson College, Through Apr. 15** - "Tyler Starr: Implementalist Papers". Starr is an Assistant Professor of Studio Art at Davidson College. He received his MFA from the University of Minnesota and his PhD in Studio Arts from the Tokyo University of Fine Arts where he was a recipient of the Japanese Ministry of Education Scholarship. In 1998, he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study at the Academy of Fine Arts, Krakow, Poland. He was a 2011 Grant Wood Fellow at the University of Iowa, a 2013 Christianity Researcher in Residence, Copenhagen, Denmark and a 2014 OMI International Arts Center resident. **Ongoing** - While on campus, be sure to take a tour of our Campus Sculpture. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm and Sat. & Sun., noon-4pm. Contact: 704/894-2519 or at (www.davidsoncollegeartgalleries.org).

Elizabeth Ross Gallery, Central Piedmont Community College, Central Campus, Overcash Performing Arts Center, Elizabeth Avenue and Kings Dr., Charlotte. **Through June 27** - "Felicia van Bork: color + color = space," in collaboration with Jerald Melberg Gallery. An Artist's Lecture will be offered on Apr. 13, at 3pm in Tata Hall. A reception will be held on Apr. 12, from 6:30-8:30pm, in the gallery. The works invite the viewer into the narrative space of the collages and the environmental space of the paintings. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-2pm. Contact: 704/330-6211.

Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts & Culture, Levine Center for the Arts, 551 S. Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through July 29** - "By and About Women: The Collection of Dr. Dianne Whitfield-Locke and Dr. Carnell Locke." Dr. Whitfield-Locke and her husband, Dr. Carnell Locke, are avid art collectors and are also committed supporters of artists and African-American art institutions. The exhibition highlights selected works from their extensive collection which were either created by female artists or feature women as the subject. Like their larger collection, this exhibition represents a comprehensive history of art-making in general, and African-American art, specifically. Sculpture, sketches, oils, acrylics, paintings and collages fill the gallery. Masterpieces by pioneering women including Betye Saar, Camille Billops, Samella Lewis, Elizabeth Catlett, Emma Amos, Lois Mailou Jones, Faith Ringgold, and Augusta Savage headline the exhibition. The Lockes have also gathered work

by E. J. Montgomery, Howardena Pindell, and Jacob Lawrence's wife, Gwendolyn Knight. Works by multi-media artists such as Robin Holder, Clarissa Sligh, Margo Humphrey and Alison Saar also appear in the gallery. **Through July 29** - "A Creative Journey: The Collection of Judy and Patrick Diamond," curated by Dr. Michael D. Harris. The collection began during a year-long residence in East Africa when the couple were fresh out of graduate school and has continued throughout their life together. Their metaphorical journey reflects the geographic journey of their lives from Boston, where they met, to stops in Tanzania, Williamstown, Massachusetts, Chicago, Charlotte and Atlanta. Featured artists include: Benny Andrews (1930 - 2006); Radcliffe Bailey (b. 1968); Romare Bearden (1911 - 1988); Tarleton Blackwell (b. 1956); Margaret T. Burroughs (1917 - 2010); Sam Gilliam (b. 1933); Richard Hunt (b. 1935); Jacob Lawrence (1917 - 2002); Hughie Lee-Smith (1915 - 1999); Juan Logan (b. 1946); Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe (b. 1951); Ben Parrish; Cedric Smith (b. 1970); Henry O. Tanner (1859 - 1937); Cheryl Warrick (b. 1956); Charles White (1918 - 1979); Hale Woodruff (1900 - 1980); and Richard Yarde (b. 1939). Dr. Michael D. Harris is an artist, scholar, curator and professor presently teaching at Emory University in Atlanta. As a scholar, Harris has published "Colored Pictures: Race and Visual Representation" (2003) and has contributed to or co-authored a number of other publications. He has had articles on contemporary African art and African-American art published in a number of books and journals. **Through July 29** - "Lillian Blades: Mirrors of Life." Picture frames, buttons, flowers, wood blocks, mirrors and other objects - random to some, but symbolic to Lillian Blades - represent both the artist's past and present. Far from chaotic, viewing her work yields an unexpected calm and sense of wonder. These images, like most of her mixed-media collages, incorporate an array of patterns using found objects that seem to float on planes of bright and dark colors with each object holding a special meaning to the artist - picture frames are about capturing memories; buttons symbolize the loss of her mother - a seamstress - and the desire to remain connected; flowers represent her grandmother and her aunt who were both florists. In addition, these objects are also subjective - leaving room for interpretation and self-reflection by the viewer. Lillian Blades was born in Nassau, Bahamas in 1973 and currently resides in Atlanta, GA. She completed a BFA in Painting at the Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah Campus and a MFA in Painting at Georgia State University. **Through July 29** - "Frankhavemercy: Frequency." Through the lens of a camera, North Carolina-born photographer, designer and filmmaker Frank Jackson III - also known as Frankhavemercy - captures the emotions of growth, struggle and joy in his first exhibition, titled Frequency. Each image tells a story inspired by Frankhavemercy's experiences, memories or imagination. Exploiting his innate talent for capturing moments, figures and architecture, Frankhavemercy not only seizes the moment but combines the image he spies through his lens with imaginative editing to mirror the one he sees in his mind's eye. Frequency unpacks emotions driven by Frankhavemercy's past and present - both positive and negative - and showcases works of art that are exquisite and thought-provoking. Frankhavemercy is a Los Angeles based photographer and film director, who was born and raised in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Both his short films and editorial photography stem from a similar spirit and space. He is methodical about the moods of his work. He gives great thought to overall tones and composition by creating elaborate mood boards for every project he commits to. The presence of raw emotion and feeling is apparent in each piece regardless of the art medium. **Ongoing** - Featuring selections from the John & Vivian Hewitt Collection of African-American Art, one of the nation's most important and comprehensive collections of African-American art. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun. 1-5pm. Contact: 704/547-3700 or at (www.ganttcenter.org).

Lake Norman Art League Gallery, 442 S. Main St., located across the street from Wooden Stone, next to Masterworks; enter at the rear of the building, and turn right into the lobby, Davidson. **Ongoing** - Featuring works by Lake Norman Art League members. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8am-7pm. Contact: 704/620-4450 or at (www.LKNart.org).

Latin American Contemporary Art Projects (LaCa), 1429 Bryant Street, in the heart of the revitalized FreeMoreWest neighborhood, Charlotte. **Ongoing** - LaCa Projects is a platform dedicated to the presentation, development,

and promotion of Latin American art and culture within the United States. The gallery encourages cross-cultural dialogue by representing a small group of influential and thought-provoking contemporary, emerging and mid-career artists, as well as exhibiting a broader range of work by established and Master Latin American artists. The gallery, which has expertise in a number of different art media with a significant focus on paintings, will also be part of a larger planned expansion that includes open artist studios and a dining concept. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 1-5pm or by appt. Contact: Neely Verano at (neely@lacaprojects.com) or call 704/609-8487.

Levine Museum of the New South, 200 E. Seventh St., corner of College St & Seventh St., Charlotte. **Ongoing** - "Cotton Fields to Skyscrapers," featuring a permanent exhibition featuring interactive environments that trace the history of the New South from the end of the Civil War until today. Admission: Yes. Free on Sat. Parking: next door in Seventh Street Station. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 704/333-1887 or at (www.museumofthenewsouth.org).

McColl Center for Art + Innovation, 721 North Tryon Street, Charlotte. **First Floor, Through May 5** - "Transitory Emplacements". Addressing themes of homelessness, migration, and belonging, this group exhibition will convey the complexities of emplacement—the process of situating something or someone into a new place—through an exploration of displacement and its relationship to power and identity. "Transitory Emplacements" features works from Diedrick Brackens, Nathaniel Donnett, and Nicole Miller. The exhibit was organized by Sally Frater, the curator of modern and contemporary art at the Ulrich Museum of Art at Wichita State University, Kansas. Hours: Thur.-Fri., 3-9pm & Sat., 11am-6pm. Contact: 704/332-5535 or at (www.mccollcenter.org).

Mint Hill Arts, 11205 Lawyers Road, Ste. A, Mint Hill, Charlotte. **Apr. 6 - 26** - "The Judy & Romie Mizell Photography Show," a juried exhibition honoring the Mizells, two long term members of Mint Hill Arts that have given so much to insure its success. A reception will be held on Apr. 6, beginning at 7pm. This judged show is open to members and non-members with awards in two categories, Unaltered Photography and Modified Photography. This show includes award winning photographers in the area with a variety of spectacular work to be enjoyed by the public. Hours: Tue. - Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact: 980/226-5532 or at (www.minthillarts.org).

Mint Museum Randolph, 2730 Randolph Road, Charlotte. **Bridges and Levine Galleries, Ongoing** - "Contemporary British Studio Ceramics: The Grainer Collection". Focused on the collection of Diane and Marc Grainer, this installation is a survey of contemporary British studio ceramics. Comprising functional and sculptural objects made between the 1980s and today, the show features work by artists either born or residing in Great Britain, including established "contemporary classics" like Gordon Baldwin and Rupert Spira, and cutting-edge ceramicists such as Julian Stair and Kate Malone. Several recently-gifted works from the Grainers are included. **Alexander, Spangler, and Harris Galleries, Ongoing** - "Portals to the Past: British Ceramics 1675 - 1825". The Mint Museum's collection of eighteenth-century British pottery and porcelain is widely respected for its scope and quality. The collection numbers over 2,000 objects and includes important examples of both salt-glazed and dry-bodied stoneware from Staffordshire; tin-glazed earthenware from Bristol, Liverpool, and London; and cream-colored earthenware from Derbyshire, Staffordshire, and Yorkshire. Notable eighteenth-century porcelain factories represented include Chelsea, Bow, and Vauxhall in London, Longton Hall in Staffordshire, Worcester, Bristol, and others. Individual works in the collection are exceptional because of their rarity, craftsmanship, provenance, or as representative examples of particular types or methods of production or decoration. **Ongoing** - "American Glass". The nineteenth and early twentieth centuries represented a time of extraordinary growth for the American glass industry. Such companies as Boston & Sandwich Glass Company in Sandwich, MA; Steuben Glass Works in Corning, NY; and Libbey Glass Company in Toledo, OH, began operation and soon developed notable reputations for producing fashionable wares that were coveted by many middle- and upper-class consumers. "American Glass" showcases objects by these and other American glass companies, illustrating the variety of forms and styles that prevailed during this period. Glass-manufacturing techniques will be another focus of the exhibition, with representative examples of pressed, cut, blown, and molded glass. Nearly all of the works on view are from The Mint Museum's permanent collection of glass, which is second in size only to the ceramics collection in the museum's Decorative Arts holdings. **Ongoing** - "Arts of Africa". The African continent is remarkable in its

geographic, social, political, and cultural diversity. This impressive diversity is reflected in the visual arts through a variety of media and forms including ceramics, masks, textiles, sculptures, prestige staffs, and shrines. With exceptional loans from private collectors and The Mint Museum's own collection of African Art, the museum is pleased to announce the expansion of its presentation of Arts of Africa, thereby providing visitors a more in-depth, meaningful, and exciting overview of African art. **Heritage Gallery, Ongoing** - Feature works of art, archival documents, and photographs documenting the growth and evolution of the museum, from its beginnings as the original branch of the US Mint to its founding as an art museum to the present and beyond. **Ongoing** - "Art for the Millions: WPA Prints" and "Carolina Clay," featuring a display of colorful wares made between 1920 and 1950 as potters from NC adapted their works to a market economy. "Art of the United States," featuring contemporary works from the Mint's permanent collection, including works by Romare Bearden, Maud Gatewood, John Biggers, Juan Logan, Tarlton Blackwell, Radcliffe Bailey, Kojo Griffin, and others. "Art in the Americas," featuring paintings, precious metalwork, sculpture, furniture and decorative arts from the 17th through the 19th centuries illustrate the unique culture that emerged from the Spanish colonization of the Americas. **Crosland Gallery** - Featuring a presentation of portraits with many fascinating images presented. **Rankin Gallery** - Featuring a presentation of the Romare Bearden Collection, including two "new" Beardens. **Delhom Gallery, Ongoing** - The European Collection of ceramic works. Admission: Yes. Hours: Wed., 11am-9pm (free admission 5-9pm); Thur.-Sat., 11am-6pm; & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 704/337-2000 or at (www.mintmuseum.org).

Mint Museum Uptown, Levine Center for the Arts, 500 South Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through June 17** - "Develar y detonar (Reveal and Detonate)," features the powerful, thought-provoking work of more than 40 of Mexico's leading photographers. This not-to-be-missed exhibition examines the wide range of approaches that these photographers use to explore subjects, ranging from their own personal histories and relationships to their engagement with the country's diverse landscape to pressing social and political issues ranging from land use, drug trade, and immigration to beauty, sexuality, and gender. Ranging in size from a few inches across to floor-to-ceiling murals, some of these works are highly formal; others make a play for sheer beauty; still others are manipulated or staged to instill a sense of magic and wonder. Develar y detonar promises to open an engaging dialogue around the power of photography to both document and question many aspects of modern life, examining issues that are not isolated to residents of Mexico but that stretch across cultures and borders, connecting us all. **Through June 3** - "William Ivey Long: Costume Designs 2007-2016". North Carolina native William Ivey Long is one of the most renowned theatrical costume designers working today. This exhibition, organized by The Mint Museum, explores Long's most recent work, from 2007 to today. It features the theatrical productions "The Lost Colony" (redesigned 2007-2008), "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" (2012), "Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella" (2013), "Little Dancer" (2014), and "On the Twentieth Century" (2015), as well as the television specials "Grease Live!" (2016), and "The Rocky Horror Picture Show: Let's Do the Time Warp Again" (2016). Focusing on Long's process, it features sketches, swatches, mood boards, and other preparatory materials in addition to the costumes themselves. Because costume design is not an area in which the Mint collects, it provides visitors with exposure to this form of art and allow for comparison of the different goals of theatrical costume and fashion. The exhibition is co-curated by Annie Carlano and Rebecca Elliot. It will be accompanied by a scholarly and lavishly illustrated book. **Ongoing** - The Mint Museum Uptown will house the world renowned collections of the Mint Museum of Craft + Design, as well as the American Art and Contemporary Art collections and selected works from the European Art collection. The building also includes a café, a Family Gallery, painting and ceramics studios, classrooms, a 240-seat auditorium, a Special Events Pavilion with outdoor terrace, and an expanded Museum Shop specializing in crafts of the Carolinas. Admission: Yes. Hours: Wed., 11am-9pm (free admission 5-9pm); Thur.-Sat., 11am-6pm; & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 704/337-2000 or at (www.mintmuseum.org).

Pease Auditorium Gallery, 1st floor of the Learning Resource Center, Central Piedmont Community College, Central Campus, Pease Lane & Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte. **Through July 28** - "2018 Annual Juried Student Show," recognizing students' works in painting, photography, drawing, ceramics, jewelry and sculpture. An Awards Ceremony will be held on Apr. 10 at 5pm, with a reception to follow from 6-7pm. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-2pm. Contact: 704/330-6211.

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