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Nina Liu and Friends in Charleston, SC, Offers Works by Katrina Schmidt-Rinke

Nina Liu and Friends in Charleston, SC, celebrates the holiday season with an exhibition of Katrina Schmidt-Rinke's work entitled *Elemental: Lowcountry Landscapes*. The exhibition will be on view from Dec. 1 - 31, 2012. A reception will be held on Dec. 7, from 5-7pm.

Schmidt-Rinke is a Canadian who spent time in her native country as well as in the United States during her youth. She earned her BFA and MFA at the Savannah College of Art and Design and has exhibited her work at galleries in the Carolinas (including Nina Liu and Friends), Georgia, and Connecticut since completing her formal education.

Some of the watercolors in the exhibition are not much larger than a postage stamp, but they have a grandeur about them that exceeds their size. Whether she works in a large or small scale, Schmidt-Rinke deftly captures the changing appearance of the marsh.

Working on-site throughout the area, Schmidt-Rinke creates beautiful watercolors that focus on the Lowcountry's marshes and the interaction between their grasses, water and the sky above them. Her watercolors have a timeless quality that arises both from the ease with which she manipu-



Work by Katrina Schmidt-Rinke, photo by Paul Holmes

lates her medium and the manner in which she edits her subject. By subtly abstracting the landscape, she renders its essence beautifully. Gallery owner Nina Liu refers to the watercolors in *Elemental: Lowcountry Landscapes* as "abstracted marshscapes that produce a feeling of well-being in me."

For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings or call the gallery at 843/722-2724.



Work by Mickey Williams

In beholding one of his landscapes, with its ever-present layering of shadows and infused atmospheric gradations, one immediately senses his artistic identity.

Williams is a self-taught artist who learned his craft from studying art in books and museums. His work is inspired by the spiritual and romantic beauty of the lowcountry that he fell in love with as a child. Williams says, "I have always felt a deep emotional and spiritual bond with nature and I feel blessed to live and work in an area that is so inspiring to the mind and soul." Those intangible yet soulful communications taking place on the canvas' surface convey the experiential forces that play an even greater effect than academic guidance.

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Williams' paintings have been accepted with acclaim into juried art competitions and his work is in numerous private and corporate collections, including the Medical University of South Carolina, Roper Hospital, Baker Motor Company, and the Governor's Mansion of South Carolina.

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Ella Walton Richardson Fine Art in Charleston, SC, Features Works by Mickey Williams

Ella Walton Richardson Fine Art in Charleston, SC, will present the exhibit, *A Change of Season*, featuring new paintings by Mickey Williams, on view from Dec. 7 - 31, 2012. A reception will be held on Dec. 7, from 5-8pm.

Williams will present his newest evoca-

tions of the Charleston area and the quiet radiance of its many waterways and marshes. He is currently focusing on the coast and its erosion and ever-changing form. Williams' oil paintings have become coveted visual documents of the lowcountry experience.

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Steve Hazard Studio Gallery in North Charleston, SC, Offers Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale - Dec. 14 & 15

The Steve Hazard Studio Gallery in North Charleston, SC, will present the \$100 & Under Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale, a two day event, Dec. 14 & 15, 2012, to support the Lowcountry Food Bank. An artists' reception will be held on Friday, from 6-9pm.

The event continues on Saturday, from noon-7pm.

Affordable, original works, handmade by local artists, will be offered for sale including art glass, decorative accents, wall

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