

NC Institutional Galleries

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ArtPop Street Gallery. **Levine Campus**, Levine II, 2800 Campus Ridge Rd., Matthews. **Through June 30** - "A Joy Forever: Asian Brush Painting", by Barbara Rizza Mellin, featuring a modern interpretation of the ancient art of Chinese brush painting. **Ongoing** - The Bill and Patty Gorelick Galleries at Central Piedmont were established in 2013 as the result of a donation from Bill and Patty Gorelick, who wished to bring art to the college's students, faculty/staff, and visitors. Currently, there are five Gorelick Galleries at Central Piedmont with a goal of having a gallery on each of the college's six campuses by 2021. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-2pm or by appt. Contact: Robin Glenn at (Robin.Glenn@cpcc.edu).

Charlotte Art League Gallery & Studios, 4100 Raleigh Street, 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. Contact: 704/376-2787 or at (www.charlotteartleague.org).

Davidson College, Belk Visual Arts Center, 315 North Main and Griffith Streets, Davidson. **Van Every Gallery**, **Through Apr. 5** - "Auguste Rodin: Truth Form Life/Selections from the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Collections". At the peak of his career Auguste Rodin was regarded as the greatest sculptor since Michelangelo. Rejecting Nineteenth-Century academic traditions that dictated what was proper in art, Rodin made sculpture that conveyed the vitality of the human spirit. His vigorous modeling emphasized his personal response to the subject, and he conveyed movement and emotion by inventing new poses - often sexual in nature - and gestures. He created his own form of artistic expression that was grounded in the world he saw around him rather than in the past. Today we acknowledge that Rodin's vision led sculpture into the modern era. "Truth Form Life" presents 22 works, many inspired by Rodin's "The Gates of Hell", his first public commission in 1880. Other works on view include commissioned portraits of Rodin's contemporaries including celebrated French heroes like Balzac, Hugo, and Jean D'Aire, one of the "Burghers of Calais". The exhibition also includes other celebrated works such as monumental torso of the "Walking Man". **Smith Gallery**, **Through Apr. 26** - "Senior Studio Art Majors '20". Senior Studio Art Majors will present solo exhibitions in the Smith Gallery throughout the Spring semester, including: Rebecca Pempek, Lindsey Owen, Coco Peng, Jared McElveen, Ella Sams, Allison Hoerler, Addie Clark, Helen Duffy, Makayla Binter, and Maura Tangum. **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 May 28** - "2020 Annual Juried Student Art Show". Each year, Central Piedmont Community College's Visual Arts Department hosts the "Annual Juried Student Art Show" recognizing student works in ceramics, 2D and 3D design, drawing, jewelry, painting, photography, printmaking, and sculpture. Students who have works featured in the show receive a variety of awards, ranging from the Presidential Purchase Award; Foundation Purchase Award; first, second, and third place awards; along with a variety of others, juried by Christopher Thomas. 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 Apr. 12** - "Welcome to Brookhill," may not reveal the story one expects when they hear the words gentrification and displacement. The uninitiated consider the land and the now crumbling buildings. Photographer Alvin C. Jacobs, Jr. focuses on the people. Men are raising daughters, grandchildren splash in shallow pools, and neighbors gather on porches. Developers, anxiously eyeing this plot of land across a busy street, must wait, leaving families hanging in the balance. The land where Brookhill Village stands has been an African-American community since the 1930s. One company owns the property that makes up this 36-acre community just south of Uptown Charlotte, another firm owns the wooden, single-story buildings that were developed in 1951. This arrangement has become a quagmire for the owners and, subsequently, for the residents. **Through Apr. 12** - "Painting Is Its Own Country," is a survey exhibition, highlighting the work of more than

two dozen exceptional artists who, through figuration and abstraction, are challenging traditional ideas of cultural representation and creativity. Curatorially, "Painting Is Its Own Country" is a simultaneous look into past and the future. The exhibition offers a snapshot of powerful work being made by a generation of emerging artists, as well as several well-known practitioners in the field. The exhibition's title reflects the idea that painting, despite its long existence, still offers limitless space for freedom, diversity, and self-expression. Artists included in this exhibit are: Derrick Adams, Rushern Baker IV, Kimberly Becoat, Jurell Cayetano, Dominic Chambers, Elizabeth Colomba, DeShawn Dumas, Alteronce Gumby, Stephen Hayes, Marcus Jahmal, Cheyenne Julian, Gerald Lovell, Jackie Milad, Mario Moore, Lavar Munroe, Fahamu Pecou, Kenny Rivero, Sloane Siobhan, Alexandria Smith, Vaughn Spann, Stacy Lynn Waddell, Will Villalongo, Cullen B. Washington, Jr., Didier William, Charles E. Williams, and Bryan Wilson. **Through Apr. 12** - "...and justice for all". America has the highest incarceration rate in the world. In just 40 years, those confined in this country's prisons and jails has grown 500%. Over 2 million people are incarcerated today. This rise is not due to increased criminal activity, but the callous and inequitable execution of the nation's laws and public policies. While 37% of the country's population represents people of color, an incongruous 67% make up the prison population. ... and justice for all illuminates this racially unjust system. Throughout history, art has been used as a vehicle to make important statements about social issues. This exhibition threads intimate narratives and social commentary into large scale imagery, video, installation and appropriated photography. Personal accounts of racial profiling and incarceration, family experiences and adverse psychological impacts are explored by artists Russel Craig, Deana Lawson, Sherrill Roland, and Dread Scott. **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. **Through Apr. 25** - Intimismos, featuring new works by Franco Fasoli and Octavio Garaballo. **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 Gallery**, **Through May 2** - "Adorned," creates a dynamic conversation between the work of two artists who are pushing media and mindset to explore real issues of contemporary life. McColl Center alumnus artist Sharif Bey (2007) and artist Shanequa Gay find power in adornment—African-inspired masks, richly textured backgrounds, and large-scale clay and glass necklaces—to reclaim history, mark rites of passage, and explore contemporary life. The exhibition includes a site-specific installation by Gay, partially in response to the colossal and

almost totemic glass and ceramic "adornments" created by Bey. "Adorned" is curated by visiting curator Jonell Logan for McColl Center for Art + Innovation. Hours: Thur.-Fri., 3-9pm & Sat., 11am-6pm. Contact: 704/332-5535 or at (www.mccollcenter.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 Apr. 26** - "Immersed In Light: Studio Drift," founded by Dutch artists Ralph Nauta (b.1978) and Lonneke Gordijn (b.1980), creates breathtaking sculptures that explore the relationship between humanity, nature and technology. They established their studio in 2007, after graduating from the prestigious Design Academy Eindhoven. Their philosophy is based on creating a dialogue between opposites, exploring the relationship between nature, technology, and mankind. The studio's work comes to life via ongoing collaborations with scientists, university research

facilities, computer programmers, and engineers. **Through Aug. 30** - "Classic Black: The Basalt Sculpture of Wedgwood and His Contemporaries". Featuring more than 100 ceramic objects, with loans from notable public and private collections in the United States and England, this exhibition is the first to focus exclusively on the black basalt sculpture made by Josiah Wedgwood and other Staffordshire potters in late eighteenth-century England. The works of art on view include life-size portrait busts, statues, vases, and other fully three-dimensional, ornamental forms, as well as works in low relief, such as large plaques, portrait medallions, and medals. **Ongoing** - "El Tajin: Photographs and Drawings by Michael Kampen". El Tajin is a UNESCO World Heritage archeological site located in northern Veracruz, Mexico, one of the largest and most important cities of classical era Mesoamerica. It is home to hundreds of carved sculptures which have deteriorated over time due to acid rain and wind erosion. Drawings created by Dr. Michael Kampen, now a retired professor emeritus of art history, are the best representations in existence of the site sculptures at El Tajin. **Ongoing** - The Mint Museum Uptown houses 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. Now Fri. till 9pm. Contact: 704/337-2000 or at (www.mintmuseum.org).



Work by Alice Ballard

Overcash Art Gallery, Central Piedmont Community College, Central Campus, Overcash Performing Arts Center, Elizabeth Avenue and Kings Dr., Charlotte. **Through May 28** - "Harmony With an Edge," featuring ceramic creations by Alice Ballard. Ballard is a ceramic artist whose work is deeply connected to nature. Working with clay, Ballard takes her inspiration from close observation and communion with the natural world around her. Pressing the clay into molds, Ballard creates organic shapes in hopes of transcending the divide between art and the outside world. With a great concern for the environment and conservation, Ballard hopes that, through her art, others will be inspired to forge their own connection with nature. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-2pm. Contact: 704/330-6211.

The Civic & Cultural Arts Center of Pineville, 316 Main Street, right next door to "old" Pineville Police Station, Pineville. **Ongoing** - The CCAC is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization offering a place where artist of every discipline have an opportunity to network and enhance their gifts. The CCAC is a gathering place for emerging and established artists of all ages to present, create and collaborate in giving life to their art, with a goal of embracing and promoting the artistic, creative and entrepreneurial possibilities available in our community through classes, workshops and on-going events and programs. Hours: Sat. 9am-1pm and most week nights from 6:30-9pm. Contact: call Lee Baumgarten at 704/889-2434, or visit (www.ccacpineville.org).

The Sonia and Isaac Luski Gallery, at the Foundation for the Carolinas building, 220 N. Tryon Street, (old Montaldo's/Mint Museum of Craft + Design site), Charlotte. **Ongoing** - Featuring work on loan from Sonia and Isaac Luski including works by: Chuck Close, Lewis Jones, Herb Jackson, Mark Peiser, Richard Ritter, Richard Jolley, Harvey Littleton, Lino Tagliapietra and many more. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5:30pm. Contact: 704/973-4500 or at (www.ftcc.org).

Cherokee

Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual, 645 Tsali Blvd., across from the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, Cherokee. **Ongoing** - Featuring basket weaving, pottery, wood carving, finger weaving, beadwork, stone carving and fine painting by members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Artisans must go through a juried process to become affiliated with the organization and current membership stands at

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