

NC Institutional Galleries

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moment. I enjoy the contemplation of the experiences in my environment and I like this form of visual reflection. The late artist, Jean Dubuffet, said it best about art: '...Art must make you laugh a little and make you a little afraid. Anything as long as it doesn't bore.' And I intend to do just that," says Shen. **Through Dec. 9** - "School Lunch," featuring works by Lisa Weinblatt. "The School Lunch series is a visual essay of contemporary student life in real educational settings. Contemporary, cross-cultural issues and their emotional attitudes are explored in the shared lunch experience. School Lunch is generated from direct observation, drawing on location in the lunchrooms of high schools, universities and colleges of Queens, New York. Visual images have the power to transform and enlarge our perceptions, as well as, confirm identity and validate experience," says Weinblatt. Hours: open while campus is open, but reservation help us alert our security team to visitors, provide directions to the galleries, and COVID-19 security protocol instructions to the visitors. Contact: 704/330-6869 or e-mail to (foundation@cpcc.edu) to schedule an appointment. For directions to Central Piedmont's campuses, visit (cpcc.edu/locations).

Bill and Patty Gorelick Gallery at Central Piedmont's Merancas Campus, Merancas IV, 1930 Verhoeff Dr., Huntersville. **Through June 16** - "Nature Reimagined," featuring works by Ann Prock. Prock fell in love with clay in 2003, beginning with the wheel and evolving to hand-built sculptural forms. Inspired by the beauty she finds in nature, she hand-builds the forms, creating each piece with the shape and gentle movement she has envisioned. Prock focuses on colors, shapes, and textures found in the living sea, the woodlands, and rock formations. She combines her imagination of those natural forms with multiple glazes, underglazes, stains, and textures. Many of her works are brushed with at least 10 glazes or underglazes in order to give them unique colors and textures that capture the viewer's eye and invite them to touch the piece. **Through June 16** - "Frieze," featuring works by Tom Stanley. Stanley's series are often hung as a frieze even as he works on groups of paintings. Size, imagery, color, and format for each series is distinct and help to create a visual theme within the group of related works. His series include six to eight works of acrylic on canvas. Drawing with paint, Stanley uses common graphic strategies, such as mechanical drawing, silhouette, and sgraffito to make something he has never seen before. His works are a conversation between hands and eyes. Hours: open while campus is open, but reservation help us alert our security team to visitors, provide directions to the galleries, and COVID-19 security protocol instructions to the visitors. Contact: 704/330-6869 or e-mail to (foundation@cpcc.edu) to schedule an appointment. For directions to Central Piedmont's campuses, visit (cpcc.edu/locations).

Bliss Gallery, established by Holy Angels, 25 N. Main Street, Belmont. **Ongoing** - Holy Angels established Bliss Gallery to offer persons who are differently able the opportunity to share creative abilities and showcase their art alongside the works of guest artists during special exhibitions. Hours: Wed.-Sat., noon-4pm. Contact: Harmony Heslop at 704/280-9475, e-mail at (blissgallery@holyangelsnc.org) or visit (www.holyangelsnc.org).

Charlotte Art League Gallery & Studios, 4237 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: Thur.-Fri., 11am-3pm & Sat.-Sun., noon-4pm. 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, Through Mar. 27** - "Paul Stephen Benjamin: Black Form". A reception will be held on Mar. 10, from 6-8pm, with a Gallery Talk at 7pm. Masks required. Livestream link will also be posted on the event page of our website. Benjamin's multi-media exhibition continues the artist's exploration of the color black or the sound of black as a conceptual entry point into conversations about identity, race, and masculinity. His paintings, large-scale blacklight sculptures, and video installations draw inspiration from history, popular culture, and daily, personal meditations. **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's, Central Campus, Overcash Performing Arts Center, Elizabeth Avenue and Kings Dr., Charlotte. **Through Mar. 10** - "Floating Blue," featuring works by Thomas Pickarski. Multi-media visual and performance artist Thomas Pickarski will bring his exhibition to take visitors on his journey through the fragile arctic landscape with a series of photographs depicting the eternal beauty of icebergs. Intrigued by the happenstance of abstracted forms in nature, Pickarski found himself drawn to the sculptural magnificence of icebergs and the otherworldliness of the landscape in which they exist. Pickarski waited till late in August before making his journey through the arctic ice to better capture the quality of soft light that occurs in the last hours of twilight, known as The Blue Hour. A Virtual lecture will be offered on Feb. 2, 2022, at 2pm. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-2pm. Contact: 704/330-6211.



Jamel Shabazz, "Salute", 1995, archival pigment print

Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts & Culture, Levine Center for the Arts, 551 S. Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through Mar. 6** - "Reflections of a People: Photographs from the Archive of Jamel Shabazz," curated by Dexter Wimberly. Shabazz is a rare photographer whose work stands as a testament to the lived experiences of Black people in America for over 40 years. His impressive oeuvre is engaging and highly recognizable. This exhibition brings together selections from Shabazz's extensive archive of photographs. **Through Apr. 24** - "Visible Man: Art and Black Male Subjectivity," curated by Michael D. Harris, PhD. The exhibition offers a creative look at the complexity of African-American males through cultural, racialized, and personal lenses. For two centuries, African-American masculinity has been demonized or challenged visually in art and popular culture. Physical differences were turned into symbols of deviation or inferiority or a lack of civility, and the social position of African-American males was distorted into icons of inferiority. **Through June 26** - "FuturePresent: Acquisition Highlights from the Permanent Collection," organized by the Harvey B. Gantt Center. Since the organization's inception in 1974, the Gantt Center has primarily built its collection from works gifted to the institution. Over the decades, John and Vivian Hewitt collected paintings, prints, and drawings from artists near and far. And in 1998, Bank of America acquired the collection from the Hewitts and pledged it to the then-named Afro-American Cultural Center. **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: Thur. - Sat., noon-6pm & Sun., noon-6pm. Extended hours from noon-8pm on Fridays, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 & Dec. 4. 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).

Lamba Gallery, Storrs Building, 100, 9201 University City Blvd. UNC Charlotte Main Campus, Charlotte. **Through Mar. 11** - "Say It Loud - North Carolina". Presented by Beyond the Built Environment and the North Carolina chapters of the National Organization of Minority Architects (NCNOMA) and the American Institute of Architects (AIA), "Sa It Loud - North Carolina" is part of a national initiative to elevate the identities and contributions of minority architects and designers. **Mar. 25 - May 3** - "SoA: The First 50". In celebration of the School of Architecture's 50th anniversary, the Lamba Gallery will host a collection of exemplary work by UNC Charlotte architecture alumni that has addressed challenges and opportunities in architecture and related fields across the decades. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm. Contact: 704/687-2397.

Latin American Contemporary Art Projects (LaCa), 1429 Bryant Street, in the heart of the revitalized FreeMoreWest neighborhood, Char-

lotte. **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).

Mint Museum Randolph, 2730 Randolph Road, Charlotte. **Through May 1** - "The World of Anna Sui," presenting 100 looks from the iconic designer's archive with a roll call of 12 archetypes that capture the Sui aesthetic. No other fashion designer captures the zeitgeist of a historic period, place, or artistic movement in such a timeless yet contemporary look as Anna Sui. She does so by designing the entire look - from dress to accessories, hair styles to makeup, and even sound and scent. **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 ceramists 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. **Craft + Design Galleries, Ongoing** - "Craft in the Laboratory: The Science of Making Things," is the first installation in the Southeast to explore how craft artists and designers use science and math concepts when creating works of art. Presented by Müller Corporation, Craft in the Laboratory also celebrates a reinstallation of the Mint's Craft + Design Galleries—the first since 2010. Curated by the Mint's Senior Curator of Craft, Design, and Fashion Annie Carlan and Assistant Curator for Craft, Design, and Fashion Rebecca Elliot, "Craft in the Laboratory" includes 100 works from the Mint's collection that are made from precious metals, wood, steel, polymers, and even agricultural waste, that emphasize the preciseness of science used to craft works of art. Made by nationally and internationally renowned artists, the objects are organized by material and subject throughout the galleries. **Gorelick Galleries on Level 3, Through June 5** - "Continuing Conversations," is designed to include works of art that spark conversation about relevant cultural happenings. The gallery is divided into a project space with a thematic installation and a new works space that includes recent acquisitions, items on loan, or objects rarely seen in the Mint's collection. **Now** - "Silent Streets: Art in the Time of Pandemic," featuring work by Amy Bagwell, Stacy Lynn Waddell, and Antoine Williams. From the moment the Coronavirus pandemic forced people into their homes, art became a source of solace. When attention swerved from COVID-19 to a reckoning with the country's injustices and systemic racism, many artists folded this urgent consideration into their work. "Silent Streets: Art in the Time of Pandemic" presents works of art by local, regional, national and international artists who used art to survey and tackle the challenging times. From comic strips to abstract painting, the exhibition embraces the potential of all art forms to grapple with the most urgent issues of our day providing viewers with both solace and insight. The Mint Museum commissioned works by North Carolina artists Amy Bagwell of Charlotte, Stacy Lynn Waddell of Durham, and Antoine Williams of Greensboro for this exhibition. In addition to these original pieces, the exhibition includes: "As the Boundary Pulls Us Apart," a video work by Charlotte artists Ben Geller and Matthew Steele; "Pandemic Comics," a selection of nationally syndicated comics that threw out months of material to create new strips directly addressing the pandemic; and "Diary of a Pandemic", a photography collaboration between Magnum Photos and National Geographic presenting photographers from around the world who made images of their lives and landscapes during the pandemic. **Now** - The Mint Museum's new four-story installation "Foragers" offers a transcendent experience while celebrating the tradition of women as makers and providers. Unlike anything ever seen at The Mint Museum before, Brooklyn-based artist Summer Wheat's "Foragers" is a monumental piece of public work of art spanning 96 windows, four stories, and 3,720 square feet at Mint Museum Uptown's Robert Hayward Morrison Atrium. The myriad of vibrant panels that give the illusion of stained glass and celebrates the tradition of women as makers and providers. "Foragers" is part of a larger exhibition "In Vivid Color," which brings together four innovative contemporary artists—Wheat, Gisela Colon, Spencer Finch, and Jennifer Steinkamp—who create works celebrating the power of color and its ability to permeate the space around us. Their work is juxtaposed with a selection of paintings and works on paper, drawn primarily from The Mint Museum's permanent collection, which showcase artists' more traditional exploration of color. **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).

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