

NC Institutional Galleries

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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).

Charlotte Art League Gallery, Classes & Studios, 1517 Camden Rd., South End, Charlotte. **Ongoing** - CAL offers fine art for all tastes and budgets in a variety of media: acrylics, oil, pastel, watercolor, mixed media, photography and sculpture. Tour studios of working artists. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun. 1-5pm. Contact: 704/376/2787 or at (www.charlotteartleague.org).

Elizabeth Ross Gallery, Central Piedmont Community College, Central Campus, Overcash Performing Arts Center, Elizabeth Avenue and Kings Dr., Charlotte. **Ross Gallery, Through Jan. 13** - "The Serpent Tree" and "Ancient Expanse," featuring works by Allison Luce. Luce graduated with dual BFA degrees in Painting and Art History from Ohio University and received her MFA from Hunter College, City University of New York. She resides in Charlotte where she is a studio artist and an adjunct art instructor. Luce has also been a resident artist at Zentrum für Keramik-Berlin in Germany, Baltimore Clayworks, and The McColl Center for Visual Art in Charlotte. **Through Jan. 13** - "Diana Arvanites: Experiments In Roundness". Arvanites' work focuses on systems, practices, and ideas and how they become integrated as a whole. It is her interest in philosophy, archaeology, science, bricolage, and cartography that inspires her to experiment and explore. By drawing upon many combinations of the parts to create a whole, she arrives at interconnectivity and balance in her work. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 10am-2pm. Contact: Sharon Dowell, Gallery Coordinator, at 704/330-6211 or at (www.cpc.edu/art_gallery).

Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts & Culture, Levine Center for the Arts, 551 S. Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through Jan. 1** - "America I AM: The African American Imprint," which celebrates nearly 500 years of African American contributions to the United States. The Gantt Center is the only African-American cultural institution to host this exhibition and serves as the last venue to house it in the Southeast as the exhibit makes its final tour. Covering more than 10,000 square feet at the Center, the exhibition will present a historical continuum of pivotal moments in courage, conviction, and creativity that helps to solidify the undeniable imprint of African Americans across the nation and around the world. The more than 200 artifacts and information within the exhibit will provide context to how African Americans have contributed to and shaped American culture across four core areas: economic, socio-political, cultural, and spiritual throughout the country's history, including the inauguration of the first African-American president. The exhibit will fill the Gantt Center galleries with objects as diverse as the typewriter Alex Haley used when he penned his Pulitzer Prize-winning book "Roots" to Prince's guitar! **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).

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).



Work by Randy Shull

McColl Center for Visual Art, 721 North Tryon Street, Charlotte. **1st Floor Gallery, Through Jan. 12** - "Channeling the USA," featuring works by Randy Shull. Shull says, "There is a continuous public dialogue taking place about the role the USA plays throughout the world. This new body of work that I am making is part of that conversation. The work is not intended to be political yet the very outline of the shape we know as the USA takes on a stance that resonates beyond the visual. It resonates in the arena of power, history, geography, economics and politics to name but a few. My intention is to further explore this rich and fertile territory that I have come to know as 'home'." **2nd and 3rd Floor Galleries, Through Jan. 12** - "11-Month Affiliate Artist Exhibition," featuring works by Tomoo Kitamura and JoAnn Sieburg-Baker. In his large-scale ceramic sculptures, Tomoo Kitamura carves patterns into stoneware clay to produce texture that is both visual and tactile. Not intended to be perfect, clean or comfortable, the forms are designed to evoke feelings of space, life and beauty. Photographer JoAnn Sieburg-Baker experiments with different methodologies for printing and processing images. The rich and bright colors found in her work are reminiscent of her early adoption of the famed Cibachrome process. But the vast possibilities inherent in new technologies have led to her choice of digital photography as a preferred medium. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11am-4pm. Contact: 704/332-5535 or at (www.mccollcenter.org).

Mint Hill Arts, 11205 Lawyers Road, Ste. A, Mint Hill, Charlotte. **Through Jan. 3** - "The Bill Litaker Memorial Exhibit". Hours: Tue.-Sat., 10am-4pm. Contact: 980/226-5532 or at (www.minthillarts.org).

Mint Museum Randolph, 2730 Randolph Road, Charlotte. **Through Jan. 5** - "A Thriving Tradition: 75 Years of Collecting North Carolina Pottery," featuring more than 100 examples of the Mint's pottery collection, which has now grown to more than 2,100 examples that includes objects that range from the last quarter of the eighteenth century to the first decades of the twenty-first. The exhibition features work by 75 potters and is offered as a part of the museum's celebration of its 75th anniversary as a public art institution, the oldest one in North Carolina. **Through Feb. 17** - "And the Bead Goes On". This exhibit pays tribute to a form of ornamentation that has been used to enliven fashion designs since ancient times. Originally restricted to the wardrobes of aristocrats and made of precious materials, beads indicated wealth and status in numerous cultures throughout the globe. Sometimes beadwork was employed on garments to convey rank, spiritual significance, or protection of the wearer. Colorful and sparkling beads appeared on articles of clothing, ceremonial dress, ritual masks, and everyday objects. **Through July 14** - "American Ceramics, 1825 - 1875," a look at a period of evolution, expansion, and innovation in American ceramics. The mid-nineteenth century was a time of evolution, expansion, and innovation in American ceramics. While utilitarian forms in earthenware and stoneware continued to be made throughout the century, their numbers slowly decreased as a growing urban population had less need for large storage jars, churns, and other objects designed for an agrarian economy. Many potters adjusted to this lower demand by creating wares that were more aesthetically appealing - objects that consumers would want to live with in their homes. Numerous factories from Vermont to Ohio to South Carolina produced "fancy" wares: objects that might still have practical functions—such as pitchers, vases, or flasks—but were notable primarily for their attractive shapes. Porcelain factories also began to proliferate during this period, producing high-quality wares that catered to the tastes of more affluent consumers. **Through July 14** - "Classically Inspired: European Ceramics circa 1800". Features examples of European ceramics and other works of art from The Mint Museum's permanent collection that were inspired by classical antiquity. Classical art - the art of ancient Greece and Rome - had a tremendous influence on the art of Western Europe from at least the fifteenth century through the late nineteenth. During the 1400s and 1500s, the period of the Italian

Renaissance, artists and designers regularly emulated aspects of the antique, although in general they attempted to surpass, rather than simply copy, the art of antiquity. In contrast, their counterparts in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries often endeavored to create more precise imitations of classical prototypes, especially in regard to objects for the fashionable domestic interior. **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. **Harris and Crist Galleries** - Featuring some contemporary works that are new to the collection or have not been seen for a while. **Delhom Gallery, Ongoing** - The European Collection of ceramic works. Admission: Yes. Hours: Tue., 10am-9pm (free every Tue. from 5-9pm); Wed.-Sat., 10am-6pm; and Sun., 1-5pm. Closed Mon. and major holidays. Contact: 704/337-2000 or at (www.mintmuseum.org).

Mint Museum Uptown, Levine Center for the Arts, 500 South Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through Jan 6** - "Reflections: Portraits by Beverly McIver". This exhibition celebrates the last decade of work by Beverly McIver, a native of North Carolina, is renowned for her expression-filled, emotive canvases that commemorate her life and the lives of those closest to her—in particular, her mother, Ethel, who passed away in 2004, and her sister, Renee, who is mentally disabled. The exhibition highlights these two subjects in McIver's work, focusing solely on her self-portraits and on portraits of Renee and other family members. "All of my portraits are self-portraits," says the artist. "I use the faces of others who reflect my most inner being." **Through Jan. 20** - "The Weir Family, 1820 - 1920: Expanding the Traditions of American Art," traces the trajectory of American art across the 19th century and into the 20th, exploring the wide range of styles in which the Weir family worked. This is the first major exhibition to examine collectively the paintings of the American artists Robert Walter Weir (1803-1889) and his two sons, John Ferguson Weir (1841-1926) and Julian Alden Weir (1851-1919). In doing so it traces the trajectory of American art across the nineteenth century and into the twentieth, exploring the wide range of styles in which Robert and his sons worked, as well as the way in which their transatlantic encounters helped to shape their art. **Through Jan. 27** - "Against the Grain: Wood in Contemporary Art, Craft and Design". This exhibition examines woodworking in contemporary art and engages aspects of art, craft, and design that have been characterized as "performative" and critique the traditional art/craft/design divide. The exhibition demonstrates how 20th and 21st century creators have engaged the medium of wood with conceptual and technical strategies. **Through Feb. 24** - "VantagePoint X / Vik Muniz: Garbage Matters". Combining three-dimensional elements within a two-dimensional pictorial space to create visually and conceptually loaded images, Muniz creates work that fosters a shift in visual perception as well as cultural preconceptions. Muniz was born into a working-class family in São Paulo, Brazil in 1961. Relocating to the United States in 1983, Muniz has since become one of the most well-known contemporary Brazilian artists working today. Beginning his career as a sculptor in the mid-1980s, Muniz became increasingly interested in photographic reproductions of his work, leading him to turn his attention wholly to photography. **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: Tue., 10am-9pm (free every Tue. from 5-9pm); Wed.-Sat., 10am-6pm; and Sun., 1-5pm. Closed Mon. and major holidays. Contact: 704/337-2000 or at (www.mintmuseum.org).

Pease Auditorium Gallery, Central Piedmont Community College, Central Campus, Pease Lane & Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte. **Through Jan. 11** - "Student Painting + Sculpture Exhibition".

Hours: Mon., Wed., & Fri., 9am-4pm and Tue. & Thur., 1-4pm. Contact: 704-330-6668 or at (<http://arts.cpc.edu/art-gallery>).

Projective Eye Gallery, UNC-Charlotte Center City Building, 320 E. 9th Street, Uptown Charlotte. **Through Jan. 10** - "Andreas Bechtler: The Artist". Andreas Bechtler, founder of the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art, has been a significant citizen in the art scene, not just as a collector of modern and contemporary art, but as an artist himself. He has worked as an artist for most of his life and as a result has created many prolific bodies of work. This exhibition will focus on two particular bodies of work that have continued throughout his art career: abstracted landscapes and his miniature constructions. In both cases Bechtler begins with the photographic image and furthers the abstractions with digital manipulation. While his landscape work revels in the celebration and alchemy of color, his miniature constructions are always ripe with psychological and sexual undertones, another consequence of nature. **Jan. 18 - Mar. 14** - "Henrique Oliveira," is an artist of layers using recycled rotten laminate wood to create folds, curves and caverns resembling the interiors of the body and forms found in nature. His installation works protrude from the wall confronting the viewer with a larger than life magnificence. The sinuous curves, so emblematic of his aesthetic, wrap around the existing structural lines of the surrounding architecture. The effect Oliveira's 3-Dimensional installations speak to the human experience on a physical level. Henrique Oliveira is a very accomplished international artist. His awards include an Art Fellowship at the Smithsonian Institutes National Museum of African Art in DC, and Cite International in Paris, the Fiat Mostra Brazil, Projeteis FUNARTE de Arte Contemporanea in Rio de Janeiro and the CNI SESI Marcantonio Vilaca for the Arts. His installation and flatworks have been seen in exhibits continuously throughout Brazil including the Sao Paulo and Monterrey Biennials, as well as Mexico, Miami, DC, Boulder, Houston, and Paris. Hours: Mon.-Sun., 9am-9pm. Contact: Crista Cammaroto, Director of Galleries at 704/687-0833, 704/687-2397 or at (<http://coaa.uncc.edu/Performances-exhibitions/Center-city-gallery>).

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 Light Factory Contemporary Museum of Photography and Film, @ Spirit Square Galleries, 345 N. College St., Charlotte. **Middleton McMillan Gallery, Through Jan. 28** - "In My Own Time". Continuing with the fourth installment of the "In Our Own Backyard" series, this exhibition features work by two local photographers, Lauren Doran and Amy Herman. Their photographs present an exaggerated view into each artist's intimate relationships, examining how these personal connections inform their identity, while simultaneously questioning how this individuality fluctuates throughout the passage of time. **Knight Gallery, Through Jan. 21** - "Out In the Streets". The DNC in Chicago 1968 was a focal point of the decade. People were beaten; tear gas was everywhere as police lines advanced through the demonstrators. What happened in Chicago changed our political and cultural institutions and, as a result, shaped our current political and cultural life. Out in the Streets will feature many of the dramatic images captured by some of the nation's top photographers who were caught in the crossfire. If we understand Chicago 1968, we will understand not only a major event in our history but we will also better understand who we are today. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9am-6pm; Sat., noon-5pm & Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 704/333-9755 or at (www.lightfactory.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.ffc.org).

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