

Piccolo Spoleto Outdoor Art Exhibition Takes Place in Marion Square in Charleston, SC - May 27 - June 11, 2011

The 2011 *Piccolo Spoleto Outdoor Art Exhibition* will take place once again in Marion Square Park in historic downtown Charleston, SC, from May 27 through June 11, 2011, 10am-5pm.

The event is an official program of The City of Charleston's Office of Cultural Affairs, under the direction of Ellen Dressler Moryl. The show is coordinated by Billie Sumner and Victoria Platt Ellis. Over 100 of South Carolina's best visual artists will set up tents filled with art in a variety of media in the park which can be found between King and Meeting Streets at the intersection of Calhoun Street.

This annual outdoor art exhibition is one of the most popular free events taking place during Piccolo Spoleto Festival and Spoleto Festival USA, visited by thousands of art lovers and art collectors. The exhibit offers something for everyone's artistic flavor, along with the opportunity to meet and talk with the artists.

The event begins at 10am on the morning of May 27, 2011, but the artists will be in anticipation of the 4pm Awards Presentation, where Charleston's Mayor Joe Riley and Ellen Dressler Moryl will announce the winners selected by this year's juror, Juan Logan of Chapel Hill, NC.

Daily art demonstrations will take place at 11am and 2:30pm, May 29 - June 10, with the exception of the first demo which starts at 1pm on May 29.

The schedule includes:

Sunday, May 29 at 1pm - Steven Jordan (Portrait)
 Monday, May 30 at 11am - Bette Lu Bentley-Layne (Acrylic) and at 2:30pm - Alice Stewart Grimsley (Watercolor)
 Tuesday, May 31 at 11am - Scott Henderson (Photography) and at 2:30pm - Kent Ambler (Woodcut Carving)
 Wednesday, June 1 at 11am - Alvin B. Glen (Mixed Media) and at 2:30pm - Rick Reinert (Oil)

Thursday, June 2 at 11am - Deborah Meyer (Oil) and at 2:30pm - Detta Zimmerman (Acrylic)

Friday, June 3 at 11am - Joyce Hall (Oil) and at 2:30pm - Russell Buskirk (Pastel)

Saturday, June 4 at 11am - Laurie Meyer (Oil) and at 2:30pm - J. Carol Gardner (Mixed Media)

Sunday, June 5 at 11am - Madeline Dukes (Oil Sticks) and at 2:30pm - Kevin LePrince (Oil)

Monday, June 6 at 11am - Sherry Browne (Paper Cuts) and at 2:30pm - Michael Nocher (Photography)

Tuesday, June 7 at 11am - Steve Jacobs (Watercolor Basics with Paper Stretching) and at 2:30pm - Joanna Jackson (Oil)

Wednesday, June 8 at 11am - Nancy Davidson (Pastel) and at 2:30pm - Carl Crawford (Collage Illusions)

Thursday, June 9 at 11am - Hilarie Lambert (Oil) and at 2:30pm - Lynne Hardwick (Mixed Media)

Friday, June 10 at 11am - Amelia Whaley (Watercolor).

This year, social media will have a major impact on the *Outdoor Art Exhibition*. For years Amelia (Mimi) Whaley has been blogging daily from the park on her personal blog (<http://www.mimispaintingaday.blogspot.com/>) starting after the first day of the festival. This year she is setting up a Piccolo Spoleto Outdoor Art Exhibition group blog (<http://psoablog.blogspot.com/>) where several people will be adding their observations from the park. You can even log onto the Outdoor Art Exhibition's Facebook page at this link (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Piccolo-Spoleto-Outdoor-Art-Exhibition-2011/154715674583540>).

For further information contact the Office of Cultural Affairs at 843/724-7305 or visit (<http://www.charlestonarts.sc/>) or (www.piccolospoleto.com).



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Indigo Fine Art Gallery in Charleston, SC, Offers Works by Helen K. Beacham

Indigo Fine Art Gallery in Charleston, SC, is presenting the exhibit, *The Essence of Vapor*, featuring works by Helen K. Beacham, on view through May 31, 2011.



Work by Helen K. Beacham

In Charleston you'll see a predominance of oil paintings displayed in galleries, but Beacham continues to pay homage to her watercolor roots with a new collection of dreamy, filmy paintings.

Recently, while painting in her Summerville studio, Beacham listened to

Pearl S. Buck's book called *The Good Earth*. She says, "The story was read in a beautiful, melodic kind of way...I allowed myself to drift with the words. I found myself breathing and painting in a soft way which I subsequently compared to painting with vapor. I didn't want the story to end! In tribute to the emotions I experienced, I named my first painting in this series *Out of the Good Earth*. It depicts our Lowcountry surroundings in an almost Oriental fashion."

Although the subject matter in this series varies from landscapes to architecture and still lifes, the overall feeling leaves you with a sense of tranquility. Beacham accomplishes her organic shapes and textures by uniquely painting on both sides of translucent Yupo paper. The result makes you want to linger inside each painting, as each layer reveals itself.

For further information check our SC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 843/805-9696 or visit (www.IndigoFineArtGallery.com).

M Gallery in Charleston, SC, Features Group Invitational

M Gallery of Fine Art SE in Charleston, SC, will present the exhibit, *Private Spaces*, a group invitational show featuring work by highly acclaimed artists nationwide, on view from May 6 - 31, 2011. A reception will be held May 6, from 5-8pm.

Each of the invitees have competed and collected wonderful prizes through various organizations including the Oil Painters of America, Portrait Society of America and the Art Renewal Center. Some of the artists to be submitting work Page 10 - Carolina Arts, May 2011

for the show include: David Hettinger, Mary Qian, Matthew Innis, Jacquelyn Bischak, Terry T. Norris, Eli Cedrone, Robert Spooner, Olga Krimon, Frank Gardner, Michelle Dunaway, Thomas Reis, Bryce Cameron Liston, Todd Williams, Gladys Roldan de Moras, and many more.

Private Spaces brings you into the life of your favorite talented artists to give you a glimpse of the small joyous places that bring them inner peace. We all know of a place whether it be in our studios,

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