

NC Institutional Galleries

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ism and its legacies. **Second-Floor Gallery, Through July 4** - "Josef Albers: The Interaction of Color". The exhibition is inspired by the Bechtler Museum's rare German edition of *The Interaction of Color*, featuring 81 silkscreen color studies that serve as a record of Albers' experiential way of studying and teaching color. Born in Germany in 1888, Josef Albers was one of the most influential artist-educators of the 20th century. Best known for his iconic color square paintings, his exploration and expansion of complex color theory principles and dedication to experiential education based on observation and experimentation, radically altered the trajectory of arts education in the United States. **Ongoing** - The Bechtler Museum of Modern Art is named after the family of Andreas Bechtler, a Charlotte resident 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).



Work by Elijah Kell

Bill and Patty Gorelick Gallery at Central Piedmont Community College's Cato Campus, Cato III, 8120 Grier Road, Charlotte. **July 1 - Dec. 31** - "Icefields," featuring works by Elijah Kell. "Working with glass fascinates and challenges me. It's like painting a picture that I shape into three-dimensional form. Although my design process is controlled, the subsequent firing process brings an element of unpredictability. The final outcome of my vision requires the successful balance of space and weight as I compose my design while forecasting how the glass will flow, expand, and settle during the heating and cooling cycles. Ultimately, it's a matter of working backwards. Sometimes I get it right and sometimes I don't, but chasing the challenge is what I love most," says Elijah Kell. **July 1 - Dec. 31** - "Paintings by Molly Partyka." "My art is about color play. Like a dance, colors move across the canvas, interacting with shapes and textures. Like notes together form songs and words strung together form stories, I use color to express the exquisiteness of nature and human interaction in an abstract format. Travel and the interplay of dichotomy and harmony are my current themes. Feelings of daydreaming, longing to wander, and thoughts of wistfulness are expressed in the blue-greens of the oceans, grey-blues of skies, and lush greens of fields. Warm reds, oranges, and yellows capture strength of relationships, the energy of movement, and the excitement of growth," said Molly Partyka. 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 Community College's Harris Campus, Harris II, 3210 CPCC Harris Campus Drive, Charlotte. **Through Dec. 31** - Featuring works by Marvin Espy. Espy's paintings express his love for color by incorporating his passion for the city and representing the spirit of its people. **Through Dec. 31** - Featuring works by Judith Ernst. Ernst creates concep-

tual and even contemplative ceramic vessels, including new pieces which incorporate words. Hours: open while campus is open, but reservation help 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, 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: Thur.-Fri., 11am-3pm & Sat.-Sun., noon-4pm. 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. **Through Aug. 5** - "2021 Annual Juried Student Art Show" Exhibition". 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, print-making and sculpture. The juror for this year's Student Show is Sensoria artist Alice Ballard, a South-Carolina-based clay artist whose work is deeply inspired by the natural world around her. 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 July 31** - "Vision & Spirit I African American Art Works From The Bank Of America Collection," curated by Dexter Wimberly. "Vision & Spirit" is an exhibition composed of more than 100 paintings, prints, drawings, photographs, and mixed media works by 48 artists born in the 19th and 20th centuries. Highlighting key aspects of their lives, as well as the important objects they created, the exhibition focuses on these artists' strength and resilience as creative forces whose work continues to shape our understanding of the world. In selecting work for the exhibition, guest curator Dexter Wimberly sought images and concepts that embody the exhibition's central theme of resilience. Throughout this process he continually reflected on the social and political times in which the works of art were created. **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).

Latin American Contemporary Art Projects (LaCa), 1429 Bryant Street, in the heart of the revitalized FreeMoreWest neighborhood, Charlotte. **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 Sept. 12** - "It Takes a Village - Charlotte Artist Collectives," is a celebration of the vibrant, grassroots art happening throughout Charlotte. For this exhibition The Mint Museum is collaborating with three of Charlotte's innovative art collectives: BlkMrktClt, Brand the Moth, and Goodyear Arts. The works of art in the exhibition are done by more than 25 collective members and recognizes local artistic talent across a broad cross section of demographics—economic, racial, ethnic, age, and education. Join us for the opening celebration of It Takes a Village: Charlotte's Artist Collectives on June 12, noon to 5pm, at Mint Museum Randolph. There will be music, food trucks, and an informal conversation with the artist collective co-founders of BlkMrktClt, Brand the Moth, and Goodyear Arts. **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. **Level 4 Brand Gallery, Through July 25** - "W/ALLS: Defend, Divide, and the Divine". On Nov. 9, 2019, the world celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Berlin Wall coming down. Most can easily call up images from that exhilarating evening in 1989: young Germans in T-shirts and jeans destroying the concrete dividers with sledgehammers, armed soldiers looking on with stoic reserve, people rushing through holes and rubble to embrace their counterparts on the other side. The world saw the joy of people uniting, and as the end of the 20th century approached, the toppled wall felt like the dawn of a new age of reason. As the violence of World War II receded into history, it appeared that so, too, was the ancient, simple brutality of dividing people with walls. **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 Haywood 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** - "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).

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

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