

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. **Through Sept. 9** - "Down Home: Jewish Life in North Carolina," featuring an exhibit that chronicles Jewish life in the Tar Heel state from colonial times to the present. In conjunction with the Violins of Hope project. This traveling exhibit is part of the first major effort to document and present more than 400 years of Jewish life in North Carolina. Produced and organized by the Jewish Heritage Foundation of North Carolina (JHFN), Down Home shows how Jews have integrated into Tar Heel life by blending their own traditions into Southern culture, while preserving their ethnic and religious traditions. **Through Sept. 9** - "All That Remains". In conjunction with the Violins of Hope project. This new panel exhibit was inspired by an article that originally appeared in Charlotte magazine. Writer Ken Garfield interviewed ten people living in the Charlotte area who survived the Holocaust and understood the importance of telling their stories before it's too late. **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 Amze Emmons

McCull Center for Visual Art, 721 North Tryon Street, Charlotte. **Through Nov. 3** - "America Now," featuring works by Amze Emmons, Imminent Disaster, Greg Haberny, Chris Stain and Ben Wolf. A reception will be held on Sept. 21, 6-9pm. Throughout history the creative expression of ideas and emotions has been a powerful force in the social landscape. It is recognized that art activates critical dialogue and raises political and social awareness. In honor of the 2012 Democratic National Convention, McCull Center for Visual Art continues this tradition by providing a platform for five contemporary artists to address our tumultuous world. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11am-4pm. Contact: 704/332-5535 or at (www.mccullcenter.org).

Mint Museum Randolph, 2730 Randolph Road, Charlotte. **Through Feb. 17, 2013** - "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 Jan. 5, 2013** - "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. **Alexander Gallery, Through Oct. 28** - "Celebrating Queen Charlotte's Coronation". Two-hundred and fifty years ago, seventeen-year old Princess Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, a small duchy in northern Germany, left her family and traveled for nine days across the rough North Sea to the eastern coast of England. She eventually arrived in London, where she met her future husband, King George III, on the eve of their wedding. They were married on Sept. 8, 1761, and two weeks later, on Sept. 22, 1761, Charlotte was crowned Queen of Great Britain and Ireland. This exhibition combines works of art from the museum's permanent collection, including paintings, works on paper, and decorative arts, with loans from private collections to highlight the Queen's accomplishments as a devoted mother, a notable patron of the arts, and a loyal consort to the King. Royal portraits by Allan Ramsay, Sir Joshua Reynolds, and Sir William Beechey are featured in the exhibition, as are representative examples of works from the English manufactories - Wedgwood, Chelsea, Worcester, and others - patronized by the Queen. **Williamson Gallery, Through Dec. 31** - Threads of Identity: Contemporary Maya Textiles. Maya peoples of Guatemala and southeastern Mexico are renowned for their time-honored tradition of magnificent attire. Throughout the world, clothing transforms the biological body into a socio-cultural being, integrating the person into the community. Among the Maya, dress is an outward expression of cultural pride. Dress also conveys one's place in the world, signaling social identity and geographic origin or current community. It also articulates social structure, political affiliation and religious ideology by way of its decoration which comprises a symbol system of visual codes, the ability to read the message reflecting one's degree of cultural initiation. **Dickson Gallery, Through Sept. 30** - "Drawings by Thornton Dial," featuring a selection of drawings by Dial in conjunction with the exhibit being presented at the same time at Mint Museum Uptown. **Through Dec. 31** - "The Shape of Life: Contemporary Native American Ceramics". Contemporary Native American ceramics constitute an on-going dialogue concerning the past, present and future, embracing personal expression and cultural essence. The works and the underlying creative processes revitalize the individual, strengthen the community and ensure the future for Native peoples. The compassion, vision and spiritual energies embedded within the creations, made of Clay Mother, speak also to the world at large, conveying delight, inspiration and introspection, which is the ultimate goal of all noble works of 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. **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. **Sept. 1 - Jan. 27, 2013** - 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 Sept. 14** - "Romare Bearden: Odyssey Series". In the suite of twenty watercolors, originally conceived as collages, Bearden reinterprets scenes from Homer's epic poem The

Odyssey. Charlotte-born artist Romare Bearden is perhaps best known for his groundbreaking use of collage; however, he was also an equally skilled draftsman and painter. An avid reader and excavator of human history and culture, Bearden often took up themes of classical literature, incorporating symbolic, layered imagery into his work. His vibrant depictions of American life, whether they are contemporary urban scenes of Harlem or nostalgic recollections of the South, are rooted in ritual. Bearden understands ritual as an important universal practice central to all human life, making this among his most powerful and pervasive subjects. **Through Sept. 23** - "Read My Pins: The Madeleine Albright Collection". Through this traveling exhibition, Secretary Albright has given the world an opportunity to explore American history and foreign policy through the lens of jewelry. During her career in public service, Madeleine Albright famously used her jewelry to communicate diplomatic messages. Read My Pins: The Madeleine Albright Collection reveals an intriguing story of American history and foreign policy as told through Secretary Albright's jeweled pins. The exhibition is on display during the Democratic National Convention, which will be in Charlotte Sept. 3-6, 2012. **Through Sept. 30** - "Hard Truths: The Art of Thornton Dial". An artist raised in the rural South, Thornton Dial is a keen observer of the human spectacle and its narratives of corruption and moral strength, folly and triumph. As an artist, he has spent the last two decades exploring the truth of American history and culture in all its complexities and contradictions. This exhibition presents a major survey of Dial's work, an epic gathering of over fifty large-scale paintings, sculptures, and wall assemblages that address the most compelling issues of our time. **Through Feb. 24, 2013** - "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).



Work by Nathaniel Lancaster

Pease Auditorium Gallery, Central Piedmont Community College, Central Campus, Pease Lane & Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte. **Sept. 10 - Oct. 24** - "Nathaniel Lancaster: Filigree Fealties". A reception will be held on Sept. 13, from 5:30-7:30pm. In this body of work, he explores how we relate to the anthropomorphic recognition of our environment, and the inherent failures of nature. Hours: Mon., Wed., & Fri., 9am-4pm and Tue. & Thur., 1-4pm. Contact: 704-330-6668 or at (<http://arts.cpcc.edu/art-gallery>).

Projective Eye Gallery, UNC-Charlotte Center City Building, 320 E. 9th Street, Uptown Charlotte. **Through Nov 1** - "E Pluribus Unum - A View from Special Collections". UNC Charlotte has created an exhibition to seek understanding across the lines of difference, "E Pluribus Unum." E Pluribus Unum is the latin phrase for "out of many come one". This exhibition explores through artistic expression the experience of pluralism in America, conveying the concept that diverse traditions, perspectives, and philosophies add value to the whole. Through the use of iconic confrontational imagery or subliminal imagery, messages are sent out to the world using gorilla style stickers, tea bags, t-shirts, posters, u-tube videos blog posts, websites, music, the news, and even the traditional high art setting of the gallery as a vehicle. "E Pluribus Unum" is a gathering of these vehicles and voices, including the works

of Michael Murphy-GA, the collaborative team of Nora Ligorano and Marshall Reese-NY, historical artists of Arthur Mole and John Thomas and Charlotte based artists Grant Baldwin and Jason Michel. 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 Oct. 14** - "We are Charlotte". A reception will be held on Sept. 27, from 6-9pm. The exhibition is a student art exchange from The Light Factory, whereby students from different walks of life come together to create powerful art. These high school students will respond to various political concepts using still images and short films, to inform their own opinions of the American Political process. **Knight Gallery, Through Jan. 21, 2013** - "Out In the Streets". A reception will be held on Sept. 27, from 6-9pm. 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.ftcc.org).

Women Centered Art, 711 Pressley Road, Charlotte. **Artist Space 711, Sept. 6 - Oct. 12** - "Invisible Cities," with works by 11 local artists. The exhibit is curated by artist, Diana Arvanites, and will include work by artists Daniel Alegrucci, Diana Arvanites, Amy Bagwell, Jeff Jackson, Phillip Larrimore, Janet Lasher, Rae Legrone, Shane McCormick, Taryn Rubin, Molly Wilbanks and Ross Wilbanks. **Lobby, Sept. 6 - Oct. 12** - "Dear President Project," featuring an exhibit of community postcards made on a mobile art studio. The project is a collection of artwork facilitated by Mobile Art Studio for Creative Disruption. A reception for both exhibit will be held on Sept. 6, from 6:30-8:30pm. **Ongoing** - Women Centered Art is about bringing awareness to and creating community for artists through lectures, workshops, films and exhibitions. Hours: Wed. during events or Fri. during Reel Women events. Contact: Shane Agostinelli at 704/651-2224 or at (www.women-centeredart.org).

ALTERNATE ART SPACES - Charlotte **Lobby, UNC Charlotte Center City Building**, 320 E. 9th Street, Uptown Charlotte. **Through Nov. 1** - Featuring chosen works from UNC Charlotte's special Collections: Observer political cartoonist Eugene Payne, Observer photographer Steve Pirelli, and papers from the last four Charlotte mayors will be on display. Hours: daily 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>).

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

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