

# NC Institutional Galleries

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environments inspired by Moody's travels and imaginations. Through the use of bright colors, abstract forms and continuous reworking of the composition, Moody creates the "essential" feeling of certain environments. Non-representational imagery utilizes the "essential" nature in order to illuminate the unseen or intangible spirit of the subject. "Subject matter may serve as metaphor for intangible ideas. The work examines boundaries, addresses the fragility of existence, of presence, of absence, and of memory," says Moody. Moody will also serve as this year's Juror for Central Piedmont's "2024 Annual Juried Student Art Show". Hours: open while campus is open, but reservations 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. **Through Apr. 12** - "A Natural View," 2024 juried art exhibit by members of the Gaston County Art Guild. **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@holyanimalsnc.org) or visit (www.holyangelsnc.org).



Work by Wil Bosbyshell

**Charlotte Art League Gallery & Studios**, 4237 Raleigh Street, Charlotte. **Grand Hall, Apr. 5-30** - "Climate Conversations: An Interactive Art Exhibit by Wil Bosbyshell". Receptions will be held on Apr. 12, from 6-9pm and Apr. 14, from 1-5pm. Celebrate Earth Day 2024 beautifully and thoughtfully with a visit to Wil Bosbyshell's "Climate Conversations" art exhibit. Bosbyshell manages to make the vast climate challenges we face personal and relevant. His large-scale drawings of trees - the largest is over 6 feet tall - are mesmerizing in the level of detail they provide; and they hang amidst suspended banners that flutter as you walk through them like leaves in a forest. **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: Fri. & Sat., 1-7pm and Sun., 1-5pm. Contact: 704/376-2787 or at ([www.charlotteartleague.org](http://www.charlotteartleague.org)).

**Cornelius Arts Center Gallery**, 19725 Oak Street, Cornelius. **Ongoing** - The Arts Center Gallery is under the direction of the future Cain Center for the Arts. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-4pm. Contact: 704/896-8823, 980/689-3101 or visit (<https://cainarts.org/>).

**Davidson College**, Belk Visual Arts Center, 315 North Main and Griffith Streets, Davidson. **Van Every & Smith Galleries, Through Apr. 7** - "A Crack in the Hourglass". How do we memorialize and visualize the incredible loss a result of COVID-19, even as the pandemic persists? To answer this question, media artist Rafael Lozano-Hemmer offers A Crack in the Hourglass, An Ongoing COVID-19 Memorial, a participatory, transitory, and ongoing artwork. Initially commissioned by the Museo Universitario Arte Contemporáneo in Mexico City in 2020, and presented at the Brooklyn Museum in 2021-2022, the installation aims to create a space where people can gather, mourn, remember, and honor those lost to COVID-19. Students, faculty, staff, alums, and the larger community are invited

to submit photographs of their loved ones who died of COVID-19, accompanied by a dedication, through the project's online platform. Then, visitors can watch—in person or via livestream—the robotic plotter recreate the image in sand. After the drawing is complete, the hourglass's platform tilts; the image disappears and the sand is recovered to create the next portrait, in an effort to remind us that the pandemic is a collective experience, and one that is ongoing. **Through Apr. 7** - "The sun still rises in spite of it all". The sun still rises in spite of everything draws inspiration from the Van Every/Smith Galleries' 2014 exhibition State of Emergency in its consideration of the role of visual artists in documenting, illuminating, and rendering disasters. In the catalogue for that exhibition, Marita Sturken opened her essay by noting that "the condition of disaster is often defined as a state outside of the norm." The premise for this exhibition reconsiders Sturken's statement. In the wake of a global pandemic, wars, increased mass shootings, widespread climate-driven catastrophes, a rise in violence against the AAPI community, and legislation that oppresses personal freedoms, among many other concerns, disaster seems less of an anomaly and more of a persistent reality. Featuring works by: Johannes Barfield, Alexandra Bell, Erika Diamond, Johannah Herr, Jammie Holmes, Matt Kenyon, William Pope.L, Shaun Leonardo, Rafael Lozano-Hemmer, Cannupa Hanska Luger, Cara Sheffler, Hông-An Truong, Jina Valentine, and Ashima Yadava. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm and Sat. & Sun., noon-4pm. Contact: 704/894-2519 or at ([www.davidsoncollegeartgalleries.org](http://www.davidsoncollegeartgalleries.org)).

**Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts & Culture**, Levine Center for the Arts, 551 S. Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through May 12** - "Post-Traumatism: In Search of Freedom". In this exhibition, eight large-scale abstract paintings take center stage, adorned with visceral and emotive gestures that lay bare the raw intensity of trauma and triumph. Alston's brushstrokes dance between chaos and order, unveiling the inner conflict between pain and the unyielding desire for freedom. These canvases become the battleground where the artist wrestles with concepts of trauma, seeking to transmute them into powerful symbols of resilience and hope. "Post-Traumatism: In Search of Freedom" seeks to illuminate the profound interconnectedness of human existence and the universality of our struggle for emancipation. **Through July 28** - "A Superlative Palette: Contemporary Black Women Artists". Curated by Dexter Wimberly, "A Superlative Palette" brings together the work of twelve generation-defining, contemporary Black women artists from around the world. In the realm of contemporary art, the contributions of Black women artists have been transformative, challenging traditional narratives, and enriching the cultural landscape. Their powerful and thought-provoking work has not only redefined artistic expression, but has also played a significant role in advocating for social justice, equality, and empowerment. Black women artists have historically faced marginalization and underrepresentation within the art world. Despite these obstacles, they have persevered and crafted an artistry that encompasses a diverse range of themes, mediums, and styles. Artists in the exhibition include, Nina Chanel Abney, ruby onyinyechi amanze, Lauren Halsey, Rachel Jones, Toyin Ojih Odutola, Jennifer Packer, Calida Rawles, Deborah Roberts, Tschabalala Self, Amy Sherald, Mickalene Thomas, and Lynette Yiadom-Boakye. **Through July 21** - "Christopher Myers: Please Trouble Carry Me," will be on view and features the immersive and ethereal works from interdisciplinary artist Christopher Myers. **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. Contact: 704/547-3700 or at ([www.ganttcenter.org](http://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](http://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**, 401 South Tryon Street, (former Wells Fargo Museum) Charlotte. **Through May 31** - "Grier Heights: Community Is Family". This traveling exhibition, produced in collaboration with the Grier Heights Community Center and Grier Heights community residents, highlights over 140 years of community history. It features pioneers like Sam Billings and Arthur S. Grier who laid the groundwork of a tight-knit farming community that became a bustling Black suburban neighborhood alongside stories of Black churches, schools, and traditions that became the cornerstones of life in Grier Heights. **Ongoing** - "Charlotte: Moving Forward, Looking Back". To move forward and make the city a better place for everyone, we must look back and learn from choices made in the past. The exhibit tells the story of Charlotte from Native and early European settlement to today. The exhibition combines stories of people, places, and events in a foundational narrative of Charlotte history that answers thought-provoking questions about how we got here and where we are headed. Experience Charlotte stories through objects from the Levine Museum's collections, interactive media displays, and art by local creatives. **Ongoing** - Building a stronger, more equitable community by connecting people to Charlotte and to each other through history, culture, and celebration. Admission: Free. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 11am-5pm; Wed. till 9pm; Sat., 10am-5pm; & Sun., noon-5pm. Contact: 704/333-1887 or at ([museumofthenewsouth.org](http://museumofthenewsouth.org)).

**McColl Center for Art + Innovation**, 721 North Tryon Street, Charlotte. **2nd Floor Gallery, Through Apr. 18** - "Material Histories," the Winter/Spring 2024 artist-in-residence exhibition. Hours: Call about visiting. Contact: 704/332-5535 or at ([www.mccollcenter.org](http://www.mccollcenter.org)).



Meissen Porcelain Manufactory (Germany, 1710-), Christian Gottlieb Jüchter, modeler (German, 1752-1812). "The Sacrifice," circa 1783-84, biscuit porcelain. Mint Museum, Charlotte, NC. Gift of the Delhom Service League. 2004.9

**Mint Museum Randolph**, 2730 Randolph Road, Charlotte. **Delhom Gallery, Through Aug. 11** - "The Delhom Service League: 50 Golden Years". The Delhom Service League (DSL) provided a half-century of generous support and impactful initiatives to The Mint Museum, helping to fund the acquisition of more than 200 works of art in the Mint's collection. The Delhom Service League: 50 Golden Years celebrates the Delhom Service League's enthusiastic support for the Mint by proudly displaying significant works funded or gifted by the affiliate group, plus selected publications, photographs and other memorabilia. In 2022, the Delhom Service League made the difficult decision to dissolve as a Mint affiliate. The league nevertheless remains an indelible part of the Mint's history, and its many contributions rightly deserve the museum's never-ending recognition and gratitude. In 1965, The Mint Museum purchased the exceptional collection of British, European, and Asian ceramics from Chicago collector M. Mellanay Delhom. Two years later, once the museum finished building a new wing that included a large gallery to display her holdings, Miss Delhom - as she preferred to be called - began offering weekly classes, open to the public, to discuss the works on view. **Ongoing** - "The Cole Family: A Dynasty of North Carolina Potters". From crocks, jars, and jugs to pitchers, candleholders, and vases, "turning pots" is one of the oldest and richest craft traditions in North Carolina. For more than 200 years, members of the Cole family have been potting in central North Carolina — Randolph, Moore, Lee, and Montgomery counties. Six generations of Coles, and no fewer than 18 individuals, are represented in The Mint Museum's permanent

collection. More than 60 highlights of their wares are included in the installation "The Cole Family: A Dynasty of North Carolina Potters". One reason for its long-term success is that making pottery has so often been a family tradition in the state. Fathers taught the art of forming, glazing, and firing clay objects to their sons, and in later generations also to daughters, who in turn taught their children, and so on through the decades.

These family dynasties not only helped to keep the potting craft alive, but ensured continuity in techniques and craftsmanship, as well as introduced artistic innovations in succeeding generations. "The Cole Family: A Dynasty of North Carolina Potters" presents a visual history of "turned pots" and the family that helped turn North Carolina into one of America's centers for handmade, traditional pottery. **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. 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](http://www.mintmuseum.org)).

**Mint Museum Uptown**, Levine Center for the Arts, 500 South Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through Apr. 14** - "The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards," have an impressive legacy dating back to 1923. They have grown to become the longest-running,

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