

NC Institutional Galleries

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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).

Charlotte Art League Gallery, Classes & Studios, 1517 Camden Rd., South End, Charlotte. **Aug. 3 - Sept. 28** - "My Carolina Home". From the mountains to the sea, the Carolinas encompass a unique beauty. For the 2012 Democratic National Convention, we are showing off the best of the Carolinas' art and reflect on our Carolina home, people, places and long history in the formation of the United States. A reception will be held on Aug. 3, from 6-9pm. **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 II, Through Aug. 2** - "People Under the Stairs: Antoine Williams". Charlotte artist Antoine Williams exhibits new paintings that explore issues of race and class. **Through Aug. 2** - "New Works by Chris Watts and Isaac Payne". The exhibit of works on paper features by Central Piedmont Community College faculty, Isaac Payne and Charlotte artist Chris Watts. The pieces explore the artists' personal views on a sense of place and identity. **Aug. 20 - Oct. 14** - Featuring an exhibit of works by Annabel Manning. A reception will be held on Aug. 30, from 6-8pm. Manning concentrates on contemporary political and social issues. Hours: Thur.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Contact: 704-330-6668 or at (www.cpcc.edu/art_gallery).



"The Doors of No Return" from the Cape Coast Castle in Ghana, which enslaved Africans passed through to board ships to the "New World"

Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts & Culture, 551 S. Tryon St., Charlotte. **Through Jan. 1, 2013** - "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. **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 (JHFC), 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).

McColl Center for Visual Art, 721 North Tryon Street, Charlotte. **Aug. 31 - 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, McColl 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.mccollcenter.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 pri-

vate 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 south-eastern 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** - "Hard Truths: The Art of 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. **Through Aug. 12** - "Colorbind: The Emily and Zach Smith Collection". This exhibit consists of nearly two dozen paintings, lithographs, etchings, and drawings collected by the Smiths. As for their own personal taste in visual art, the Smiths confess a shared love of color. Works by Pop artists Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg, and Wayne Thiebaud play alongside geometric abstractions by Peter Halley, Sol LeWitt, and Sean Scully - vibrant color binding each creative voice into the collectors' unified vision. This exhibition is organized by The Mint Museum. **Through Aug. 19** - "Matthew Weinstein". Weinstein a visual artist currently living and working in Brooklyn, NY, has achieved notoriety in the art world as the first artist to focus exclusively on 3D animation. Beginning with a self-written dialogue or lyrics, Weinstein uses musical scores and written text to develop characters which he then renders by means of the animation program MAYA. Weinstein then casts actors to vocalize the dialogue, and musicians to create an auditory backdrop for the already visually-developed environments. Using precision airbrush techniques and single-hair paintbrushes, Weinstein also creates paintings, essentially abstractions of his animated worlds. These paintings accompany the digital installations and enable the artist to explore the often-tenuous boundary between the real and the virtual in contemporary culture. **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. **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 Aug. 20** - "Annual Art Department Exhibition". A reception will be held on Aug. 16, from 5-7pm. Hours: Mon., Wed., & Fri., 9am-4pm and Tue. & Thur., 1-4pm. Contact: 704-330-6668 or at (www.cpcc.edu/art_gallery).

Projective Eye Gallery, UNC-Charlotte Center City Building, 320 E. 9th Street, Uptown Charlotte. **Through Aug 8** - "The Summer Experiment 2012 - Songs of the Fisherman," featuring a performance and installation by Gretchen Alterowitz, Brian Arreola, Anita Easterling and Mira Frisch. Inspired by Homer's "Odyssey" and the creation story in Genesis, Songs of the Fisherman presents the simultaneously intimate and universal journey of a life, from birth through self-discovery, alienation as felt in the immigrant community, reconciliation, and ultimately death. In this incarnation Songs of the Fisherman is hybridization of performance and installation art, created by the collaborative team of Gretchen Alterowitz - Dance, Brian Arreola - Music, Anita Easterling - Theatre, Mira Frisch - Music. Brian Arreola portrays the lead male character through his operatic voice and Julliard trained professional dancer, Alison Mixon, portrays the lead female character through the choreography of Gretchen Alterowitz. After performance night the gallery will remain as a space for installation with video projection and figurative wire sculptures by Easterling. Hours: Mon.-Sun., 9am-9pm. Contact: Crista Cammaroto, Director of Galleries at 704/687-0833, 704/687-2397 or at (<http://coa.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 Aug. 12** - "The Light Factory 40th Annual Members Show." Originally started as a photographers cooperative in 1972, The Light Factory's first Member Show featured the creative talents of The Light Factory's diverse member base. Though it has grown to be one of only four museums for photography and film in the entire country, The Light Factory remembers its roots with one of the most memorable shows of the season. That's something to celebrate. **Knight Gallery, Through Aug. 19** - "The Light Factory Fifth Juried Annuale," juried by Kevin Miller, Director of the Southeast Museum of Photography in Daytona Beach, FL. The Annuale is a competition which gives us the opportunity to view challenging new work from photographers and artists throughout the country. This year's winners are Joshua Band (San Francisco, CA), Tami Bone (Austin, TX), Dana Fritz (Lincoln, NE), Aspen Hochhalter (Charlotte, NC), Dawn Roe (Winter Park, FL) and Rylan Steele (Columbus, GA). 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.,

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