Francis Marion University in Florence, SC, Offers Photography and Video Conference & Exhibition

Francis Marion University in Florence, SC, will present the first The Poskito: South Carolina Photography and Video Conference, Mar. 6 - 8, 2014. Co-hosted by the Department of Fine Arts and the Department of Mass Communication, the conference will include a variety of activities, including workshops, exhibitions, and talks and panel discussions by well known regional, national, and international photographers, video journalists, and professionals and scholars from related fields.

Part of the event includes the exhibit Visual Narratives, featuring photographs by Nina Berman, Bill Frakes, and Jim Wallace, as well as an exhibition of vintage cameras from the "golden age of photojournalism", offered in conjunction with The Poskito: South Carolina Photography and Video Conference, on view in the Hyman Fine Arts Center, from Mar. 1 - 14, 2014.

Each year's conference will be organized around a theme, issue or question central to the visual arts and/or broadcast and photojournalism. The organizers' aim is to look at a topic from various perspectives by inviting professionals and scholars of different fields and ideologies to discuss their ideas on the topic. The theme of our

inaugural conference will be visual narrative (storytelling).

The conference will consist of three daily sessions. The morning sessions on Mar. 6 and Mar. 7 will feature workshops reserved for the university's visual arts, art education, and mass communication majors, while the afternoon and evening sessions on all three days will be open and free to the public. In addition, a first of its kind, Downtown Florence Art Stroll will be held on Saturday, Mar. 8 from 11am until 4pm.

The art stroll will feature public workshops and demonstrations, talks, photo exhibitions and projections, video screenings, children's activities, and live jazz music at various venues, including the Francis Marion University's Performing Arts Center (the suggested starting point for visitors attending the art stroll), the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Library, the Florence County Museum, the Art Trail Gallery, The Clay Pot, Addie's Baby Art and Design Studio in downtown Florence, and the Lynda English Studio Gallery on the 2nd Loop Road.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Art Department at 843/661-1385 or visit (http://departments.fmarion.edu/finearts/gallery.htm).

Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC, Features Works by Maura Kenny

Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC, will present Out of Hobcaw, featuring works by Maura Kenny, on view in the Rebecca Randall Bryan Art Gallery, from Mar. 10 through Apr. 4, 2014. A gallery talk will be given on Mar. 20, beginning at 2pm, followed by a reception from 4:30-6:30pm.



Bee Keepers by Maura Kenny

Out of Hobcaw, presents an exhibition of watercolor and mixed media paintings by artist and Coastal Carolina University Professor of Painting Maura Kenny. Kenny, a former resident on the barony, shares her insights into the people, landscape, conservation, and preservation occurring within Hobcaw Barony and provides unique access to its storied history.

Hobcaw, now the Belle W. Baruch Foundation, is a 17,500-acre wildlife refuge and former rice plantation located along the Atlantic Ocean near Georgetown, SC. It's



The Wedding Party, by Maura Kenny

diversity of ecosystems and people who research, preserve and conserve its flora, fauna and marine life thrive in Kenny's multi-layered symbiotic paintings that preserve this living treasure for the people of South Carolina.

'My experience on Hobcaw Barony this past spring has re-awakened my appreciation for preservation and sustainability at a time when development here on the southeast coast of South Carolina is increasingly alarming." Kenny's works emphasize the importance of preserving the legacy and cultural relevance of this area.

The Rebecca Randall Bryan Art Gallery is located on the Campus of Coastal Carolina University in the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings or contact James Arendt, Gallery Director, at 843/349-6409.

Coker College in Hartsville, SC, **Features Works by Dawn Gettler**

Coker College in Hartsville, SC, will present maybe if I called you darling, featuring an installation by Chicago artist, Dawn Gettler, on view in the Cecelia Coker Bell Gallery, from Mar. 3 - 28, 2014. A reception will be held on Mar. 3, from 7-8pm. Gettler will give a gallery talk at 7:10pm followed by a question and answer session.

Some of Gettler's words are literally as well as figuratively sugar coated, while others are dipped in salty brine prior to installation. Some of her sculptural installations contain words encased in sugar, texts

flocked with sugar or salt, and sheets of text hung in unusual configurations that offer the viewer familiar words in an unusual setting.

Gettler received a BFA in printmaking from The University of Northern Iowa in 2003 and her MFA from Ohio University in 2006. She has been an artist in residence at Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Spiro Arts, ART342, KHN Center for the Arts, and Spudnik Press in Chicago. In 2011, Gettler was the summer artist in residence and mounted a solo exhibition at Artspace

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Join us on the campus of Francis Marion University for Arts International. The festival features cultural areas, international food, music and a youth activity center.

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The Plaids – Lake City 12noon Florence Brass The Men's Choral Society

International Stage

Steve Gryb Pied Piper of Percussion Thirza Defoe Native American Indian 11:30am

12:30pm Ballet Folklórico de México

Thirza Defoe

Native American Indian Ballet Folklórico de México

3:30pm Steve Gryb

Pied Piper of Percussion

Blues/Beach Stage

1pm Three Day Blues 2pm Recollections 3pm Nantucket Band 4pm Nantucket Band

FDTC Sculpture Competition

Featuring professional and student welding teams, the competition runs all day to see which team can transform a heap of scrap metal into beautiful sculpture.



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