



City Art Gallery in Columbia, SC, Features Works by Tim Floyd

The first gallery show in Columbia, SC, to feature only encaustic paintings, Tim Floyd's *Italy, Spain and a Hat Shop in Charleston* will open on Thursday, Aug. 1, with a reception from 6 -8pm, at City Art Gallery. A benefit for the Palmetto Health Children's Hospital, the opening will feature images from Floyd's travels in Italy, Spain, Charleston and other locales. The exhibition runs from Aug. 1 to 31, 2013.



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The love of travel, sketching and encaustic painting coalesced into a body of work that was years in creating. Doing relatively quick sketches when sitting at a train station or in a restaurant, Floyd recorded his travels while keeping his art-making portable. A pen, a book and a watercolor set the size of his hand, were always with him. He always kept an eye out for unusual found objects that he stuck in his pocket and later worked into the painting.

Encaustic pieces are made with bees wax, resin, and pigment. The wax is heated and painted onto a panel. "The process is relatively new," Floyd joked, "it's only been around 2,300 years." The Egyptians created the Fayum mummy portraits with this technique around 300 AD. In the 20th century



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notable South Carolina artist, Jasper Johns, worked in encaustics.

This is the first gallery show in Columbia featuring only encaustic paintings. The majority of the paintings are of Italy where Floyd and his wife Carol spent five weeks touring and staying mostly on farms last year. Other pieces featured are from Barcelona, Charleston, Columbia, Huston, and the Bahamas.

Floyd, a native South Carolinian, studied art at the University of South Carolina. He studied encaustic painting in Asheville, NC.

Floyd chose to benefit Palmetto Health Children's Hospital for the sales during the opening because of his family's personal connection. "My daughter's life was saved through the care she received there. She has Muscular Dystrophy and would have died had it not been for having a hospital in our community that is dedicated to children.

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My hope is that you will buy a painting to enjoy in your home or office, but no matter what, please consider supporting Children's Hospital."

Floyd will give a Gallery Talk on Aug. 17, starting at noon.

City Art is the starting place for creative people in Columbia and surrounding areas. The art supply store is located in the basement floor. Saturdays this summer we are offering our HIGH NOON series again - free arts related presentations in the main gallery for and hour or less.

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