

An Arkansas Artist's Internal Narrative

Arkansas artist Sammy Peters is set to kick off the 2014-15 Norman Art Gallery schedule August 18 with his show *Internal Narrative*. As a child in Arkansas during the fifties, Peters was encouraged in art by his father, owner of a sign painting business, and by his teacher at Little Rock's Central High School who introduced him to Abstract Expressionism. Peters studied painting at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Since then he has gained renown success through exhibitions in major art

centers such as New York, Atlanta, Boca Raton, Santa Fe, Houston, and Los Angeles.

Peters shares some insight into the title *Internal Narrative* by saying, "Painting is a way for the artist to feel a connection with and contribute to an 'internal narrative,' his or her fiction, that seems to mercifully cloak our lives."



Sammy Peters, *Recognition: presence; concealed*, Oil and Mixed Media on Canvas, 2014

ATU Art Faculty Biennial Exhibition

Outside of the classroom, faculty members in the Department of Art are active artists who make significant contributions to the arts. Coming up in October is the *ATU Faculty Exhibition*, a biennial showcase that offers both students and the community an opportunity to explore the works of the professors.

The exhibition will display works in a variety of media, and will be shown in Norman Hall Art Gallery from October 1 through October 28. The opening reception will be held on October 1 at 2:30pm.



Above: ATU Art Faculty Biennial Exhibition opening reception 2012

Tech Students to Compete in 8th Annual Competitive Exhibition

From November 5 through November 21 Arkansas Tech will be holding its *8th Annual Tech Juried Student Competitive Exhibition*. This show will feature works in a variety of media. This year's competition is being juried by Little Rock artist David Bailin. Bailin is a professional artist whose drawings appeared in the Norman Hall Art Gallery last year during his solo show *Dreams and Disasters*.

The opening reception for the exhibition will be held Wednesday, November 12 at 2:30pm, where cash prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place. The drop off dates for students wishing to enter will be October 29 through October 31. Application forms will be available in the Art Office, Norman 204. All students are encouraged to apply.



Photo by Liz Chrisman

Above: 7th Annual Tech Juried Student Competitive Exhibition opening reception



Above: Print by David Warren
Part of the show *Expansion*

Below: Ceramic Platter by Aaron Calvert
Part of the show *Double Stepping with Kirk*



Norman Hall Art Gallery 2014-15 exhibition schedule

Aug 18 thru Sept 24	Internal Narrative Sammy Peters closing reception/gallery talk @ 2:30pm, Wed Sept 24th
Oct 1 thru Oct 28	ATU Art Faculty Biennial Exhibition opening reception @ 2:30pm, Wed Oct 1st
Nov 5 thru Nov 21	8th Annual Arkansas Tech Juried Student Competitive opening reception/awards @ 2:30pm, Wed Nov 12th
Jan 12 thru Jan 28	Expansion Trade Portfolio by the Arkansas Society of Printmakers
Feb 2 thru Feb 25	Double Stepping with Kirk Aaron Calvert closing reception/gallery talk @ 2:30pm, Wed Feb 25th
Mar 2 thru Mar 20	Introspective Observation: Green Shoes in Print Liz Chrisman opening reception/gallery talk @ 2:30pm, Mon Mar 2nd
April TBA	Senior Art Student Exhibitions

Gallery Hours: 8-12 & 1-5 MWF: 8-5 Tuesday & Thursday
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