BOB THOMPSON’S LEGACY OF VIBRANT PAINTINGS

Gallery visitors will have the opportunity to discover the work of a pivotal figure in modern American art when Bob Thompson: Meteor in a Black Hat opens at the Haggerty Museum on Thursday, January 26. The opening lecture will be given by critic Stanley Crouch at 6 p.m. followed by a reception in the Museum from 7 to 8 p.m.

Known for his boldly colored landscapes and figures, poet Allen Ginsburg called Thompson “the most original visionary painter of his day.” His paintings were made in reaction to the abstract expressionist movement at the center of the New York art world of the time. Thompson’s works present a dynamic hybrid of past and present, evocative of great feeling through color and movement, while directly referencing masterpieces of the past by artists including Piero della Francesca, Tintoretto and Poussin. His paintings also reflect his great interest in improvisation, influenced by his love of jazz.

The exhibition and programs will explore Thompson’s paintings in the context of the cultural movements of the 1950s and 60s including the abstract expressionist school of painting, the Beat poetry movement and the development of a “Black Aesthetic” as represented in the jazz forms of the 50s and 60s and in the poetry and literature of LeRoi Jones, James Baldwin and others of the period.

Born in Louisville, Kentucky in 1937, Thompson studied at Boston University and the University of Louisville before moving to Provincetown, Massachusetts in 1959. Thompson then moved to New York’s lower eastside and immersed himself in avant-garde circles of the day. He later moved to Europe for several years where he studied firsthand the great European art traditions.

Thompson’s career was cut short by his untimely death in 1966. He left a legacy of over 1000 paintings and his work has been exhibited extensively posthumously.

The exhibition was organized by Michael Rosenfeld Gallery in New York and features 30 oil paintings dating from 1959 to 1965.

TED ROSE, PHOTOGRAPHER/PAINTER PORTRAYS RAILROAD’S PLACE IN AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL LANDSCAPE

Railroad history buffs will find a treasure house of photographs and paintings when Railroads and the American Industrial Landscape: Ted Rose Paintings and Photographs opens at the Haggerty Museum on Thursday, March 9. The Museum is organizing this traveling exhibition in conjunction with the Center for Railroad Photography & Art in Madison, Wisconsin. The opening lecture will be given at 6 p.m. followed by a reception from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Museum.

Curated by Haggerty Museum director Curtis L. Carter, the exhibition includes 22 black and white photographs and 28 watercolor paintings by Ted Rose, a native of Milwaukee, whose work is a compelling chronicle of the end of steam railroading in North America. This is the first time that Rose’s photographs and paintings have been exhibited together. The photos date from 1957 to 1961. The paintings, completed mainly between 1992 and 2002, are among the artist’s finest.

Rose (1940-2002) graduated with honors from the University of Illinois with a BFA in painting and printmaking. As a young adult he explored the railroad yards of Chicago & North Western Railways in Milwaukee and often rode the rails in the cab with the engineer. His journeys covered the rails in the US, Canada and Mexico, where he photographed locomotives at rest and in motion as well as station interiors, commercial and industrial buildings connected with railroads and railroad workers.

In 1965, he moved to New Mexico after serving in Vietnam with the US Army. Working as a graphic designer and graphics director for the City of Santa Fe, he rediscovered his artistic talents and returned to painting, completing over 1000 watercolors before his death in 2002. In 1999, he created five paintings for the US Postal Service’s “All Aboard” stamp series.
Calder, Lippold and More: Recent Gifts and Acquisitions from the Haggerty Museum's permanent collection will be exhibited in the Mezzanine Gallery beginning on Thursday, December 15 until Sunday, February 26.

Highlights of the exhibition include works on paper by masters including: Rembrandt van Ryn, Max Beckman, Giovanni Battista Piranesi, Honoré Daumier, Joan Miró and Andy Warhol. Contemporary artists whose work has been recently gifted to the Museum include David Maxim, Gloria GarfinkeI, George Baselitz and Steven Sorman.

Between 2004 and 2005, the Museum received major gifts from the estates of Martha W. Smith, Beatrice Haggerty and Isabelle Polachek. A major work from each of these gifts will be shown in the exhibition. Nancy and Robert Sobczak contributed a collection of contemporary prints, paintings and decorative arts.

Through the generosity of Catherine and David A. Straz, Jr., the Museum acquired the 16th century oil Madonna and Child by Flemish artist Pieter Claeszins. The Resurrection (1734) by Carle van Loo is a gift from the estate of Beatrice Haggerty. These are presently exhibited in the Old Master salon-style gallery. Other acquisitions are currently exhibited in the modern and contemporary galleries.

In addition, this year’s exhibition will feature a number of works from Wisconsin artists including Karl Priebe, John Wilde and Fred Berman. The exhibition will include a selection of portrait miniatures given to the Museum by an anonymous donor. The Museum has a collection of over 100 miniatures. These small-scale portraits in oil or watercolor on ivory are part of the Museum's growing collection of English, French and American miniature artists including Andrew Plimer, Jean Baptiste Isabay and Joseph Mosely. A list of art donors for 2004-2005 will be posted with the exhibition.

FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Notes on Planned Giving

The Haggerty Museum has benefited from the generosity of Friends first to secure the funding for the Museum building to house the art collections, exhibitions, and educational and social functions. Subsequently, benefactors have contributed substantial gifts of art and funding to develop the collections. Among recent gifts to the museum is a gift of over 400 works of art from the Martha Smith estate featuring modern prints and art glass. Similarly, others have contributed funding to support exhibitions and educational programs. Among the recent gifts in support of these programs is a gift in excess of $800,000 from the Erna Eckerle estate. Both of these gifts are the result of planned giving developed in consultation with the Museum.

Such gifts remind us of the importance of charitable planned giving as a way of assuring that the Haggerty Museum's financial support remains strong in the future. Information on planned giving for the museum is available from the director's office at the Museum at 414-288-7290. It is very important that the intended use of the gift be specified in a will, trust or other estate documents. To assist those interested in planned gifts for the Haggerty Museum, the Museum Friends will sponsor an informational seminar in the spring of 2006.

Gifts of all sizes are important and welcome. The Haggerty Friends, as a part of their long-range planning, are considering establishment of a Legacy Endowment Fund as a means of contributing to the present and future support of the Museum. Those who participate will become part of the Museum's Legacy Society in perpetuity. The income from the endowment will support various needs of the Museum such as acquisitions and special projects. Watch for news on this development.

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Taking advantage of an exceptionally gorgeous warm summer evening, committee members for the 2005 Haggerty Museum Fall Gala planned the setting for the pre-dinner social and auction in an open-sided tent set up outside the Museum’s entrance. Gala-goers applauded the decision as they greeted friends, enjoyed cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, bid on fine arts silent auction items and watched Dr. Curtis Carter and Father Robert Wild, Jr. present the Kairos Award to Kate and Don Wilson for their efforts and support in establishing the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts in Brookfield. A DVD chronicling the building of the Center and the development of its programs was shown prior to the Kairos Award presentation.

Dinner was served in the Museum’s elegant galleries to a record 210 supporters. Proceeds exceeded $49,000 which are used for the Museum’s exhibition and education fund.

Kudos go to Marie-Pierre Bechthold for her capable chairing of the Gala, to auction chairperson Nicole Dannehl and to their dedicated committee workers.

MARY L. NOHL EDUCATION GRANT AWARDED TO HAGGERTY

The Haggerty Museum and Marquette's School of Education are currently collaborating on a program that aims to teach future teachers different ways in which they can integrate the arts into their classroom curriculum. The Museum was awarded a grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's Mary L. Nohl Fund to facilitate this program.

Marquette School of Education students began the program by meeting with sculptor Kendall Buster who was in-residence at the Museum from October 3 to October 7. Buster's large-scale scientifically/architecturally inspired forms served as a point of departure for the students to see the interconnections between art and science.

In following weeks, the students observed and assisted local artists Reggie Baylor and Dave Niec as they conducted a series of hands-on workshops with students from Grand Avenue Middle School. Continuing the theme of art and science, Niec and Baylor used landscape painting as a means for addressing subjects of astronomy, botany and physics.

STUDENT WORKSHOPS AT THE HAGGERTY

Using the work of Virginia-based sculptor Kendall Buster as a point of departure, local artists Nicolas Lampert, Peggy Hong and Ted Brusubardis conducted a series of hands-on workshops exploring the themes of interior vs. exterior, animal vs. machine and what is concealed vs. what is revealed for students from MacDowell Montessori School and Fernwood Montessori School. The project was funded by a grant from the Milwaukee Artists Resource Network (MARN).

FIVE MARQUETTE STUDENTS JOIN HAGGERTY MUSEUM DOCENTS

Five Marquette Students recently joined the Haggerty Museum of Art docent group. The new student docents are Philip Babler, James Molnar, Katharine Grevenow, Abby Benavides and Kathryn Sukalich. The docents lead tours and programs for adult and students groups.

The docents meet twice monthly on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. at the Museum with Lynne Shumow, curator of education, and often with visiting artists and lecturers.

If interested in joining this group, please contact Lynne Shumow at 414/288-5915.

STAFF NEWS

Dr. Curtis L. Carter, Director of the Museum, attended the annual meeting of the American Society for Aesthetics in Providence, R.I. on October 19-22. Dr. Carter was recognized for ten years of service as secretary/treasurer of the Society.

Dr. Carter also attended the two-day conference of the American Federation for the Arts on November 7-8 in New York City and participated in The American Council of Learned Societies CAO meetings in San Jose, CA. November 3-5.

NEW STAFF

Two new Museum staff members are Richard Saxton and Dan Herro.

Saxton, preparator, received his BFA degree from the University of Nebraska-Omaha and his MFA from Indiana University. A native of Nebraska, he formerly served as associate director of the Coleman Center of Culture in Alabama, and is founder and director of the Municipal Workshop.

Herro, assistant preparator, a native of Milwaukee, received his BFA degree from UW-Madison and worked in Minneapolis and Chicago as a framer, graphic artist and website designer.

To sustain and enhance this project, the Museum and the School of Education are teaming with MARN (Milwaukee Artists Resource Network) to create a web site to serve as a database for local artists. The database will be used as a resource for educators to seek out and, subsequently, work with artists on a project and/or consultant basis.

MUSEUM HOSTS MARQUETTE “GROW” PROGRAM

A four-part educational program for Marquette administrators, faculty and staff members was recently hosted at the Museum. Faculty members from a wide range of disciplines presented gallery talks about the Museum’s permanent collection and current exhibitions. Speakers included: Dr. Deidre Dempsey (Theology) “Biblical Imagery in the Haggerty Collection.” Dr. Stephen Franzoi (Psychology) “Psychological Connections in the Haggerty Collection.” Dr. Phillip Naylor (History) “History and the Haggerty: Professional Strategy/Punk Pedagogy.” Dr. Gail Schumann (Biological Sciences) “The Sciences of Art and the Art of Science.”

HAGGERTY ART ASSOCIATES EVENTS PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH

The Haggerty Art Associates have planned their annual party for Saturday, February 25 in conjunction with the exhibition Bob Thompson: Meteor in a Black Hat which opens on Thursday, January 26. The Art Associates event begins at 7 p.m. in the museum galleries.

Committee members are Tricia Ognar, new president of the Art Associates; Amy Strong, George Gaspar, Tricia Massart, Michelle Speiser, Judy Elliott, Kristen Pawlowski and Sheila Taphorn.

The annual Art Associates Spring into Art Family Event will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 26. Invitations for both parties will be sent to all members of the Friends of the Haggerty Museum.

The Art Associates is a group of young professionals whose mission is to work with the Friends of the Haggerty Museum Board to support the Museum’s exhibitions and programs.
A Special Christmas Gift

Margaret Mee’s Amazon Diaries of an Artist Explorer

a 319-page hard cover, beautifully illustrated coffee table book featuring detailed and dramatic accounts of this artist/explorer is available in the Museum Shop. Cost $50.

LOOKING FORWARD TO...

Elger Esser: Landscapes and Postcards April 27 - July 9

Includes 30 landscape photographs and postcards exploring everyday landscapes and cityscapes in France, Italy, Spain, Holland and Scotland.

THE MUSEUM’S PERMANENT COLLECTION: A BIT OF HISTORY...

The Haggerty Museum's permanent collection is built on donations of individual works of art alongside gifts of multiple works and donated funds earmarked for art acquisitions.

Notable art gifts from the 1950s to today include Mr. and Mrs. Marc B. Rotjman and the Rotjman Foundation's generous donation which formed the nucleus of the European Old Master painting collection; Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Bader’s gift of Old Master paintings; Joseph P. Antonow's gift of 20th-century sculpture, works on paper and decorative paintings; Avis and James Heller's gifts of Old Master paintings; the Mary B. Finnigan Art Endowment of Old Master and Modern paintings; Marvin and Janet Fishman's collection of 20th-century paintings and prints; the David C. Scott Foundation's gift of Old Master paintings; Charles and Judy Mulcahy’s collection of contemporary Thai paintings; and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Haupt's donation of the Dali painting, Madonna of Port Lligat.

The Haggerty developed its photography collection with gifts from Lloyd and Douglas Morgan, the Riebel family and Therese and Murray Weiss. Its African and Asian collection has been the beneficiary of large gifts from Paula and Milton and Gutglass and the Pinsof family.

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