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FAU's Jupiter Campus Library Presents 'From Place to Place' and 'Under the Surface'

JUPITER, FL (November 5, 2009) – Florida Atlantic University's John D. MacArthur Campus Library Gallery is hosting "Place to Place," a site specific exhibition by photographer Robert Farber, and "Under the Surface," an exhibition featuring a series of mixed media on poplar panels by artist Jennifer Palmer. The exhibits both will run through Friday, December 18 at 5353 Parkside Drive, FAU's Jupiter campus.

The exhibitions kick off the gallery's fifth season of presenting museum quality contemporary art exhibitions and help to further extend the gallery's mission to engage the community in dialogue.

"Place to Place" was selected from several hundred entries in response to the gallery's open call for contemporary artists. The exhibit features 12 images that reflect the visual and conceptual "gems" that Farber, a professor at Ringling College of Art and Design, discovered during his six round-trip field expeditions between Sarasota and Jupiter.

Farber used these 331-mile round trips to gather drawing, photographic and technical information. He shot more than 300 images and narrowed the images to the 12 in the exhibition. The exhibition features mixed-media with digital images, collage and drawing/painting elements that reflect his experiences during the trips.

"I wanted to build a series of images that would initiate a conversation about the experience of traveling or having traveled between the populated coasts of Florida," said Farber.

Farber recorded the original image while holding a camera at arm's length pointed toward the passing scene across the interior of his car and out the window. He used auto focus and would often re-shoot a scene that interested him on two or three different trips. Some of the images captured views Farber selected or places he researched and wished to document.

Diane Arrieta, the gallery's exhibition coordinator, said Farber's work is especially interesting because it is regional specific.

"It gives us a feeling of home and belonging in these types of urban sprawl and unbridled commercialism," she said. "His style and technique are very high quality. It offers a variety of media and techniques that will provide students an understanding of current practices in contemporary art."

The installation for “Under the Surface” has 60 pieces. The mediums include an initial ink drawing, and then the pieces are completed with combinations of various layers of ink, watercolor and acrylic slowly built up onto the surface of the piece allowing parts of the ink drawing to be exposed.

“I have always had an urge to create since I was a child,” said Palmer, who teaches studio classes and art at Jefferson Community and Technical College in Louisville, Kentucky. “I found it to be an internal drive to be always creating and expressing these images and feelings that I experienced and translating them into the work.”

Palmer’s work is influenced by location and she is motivated to paint by expressing the events that she experiences in her daily life.

“I paint from the rural setting of my studio and incorporate these environments into the artwork and filter these images through memories and dreams to capture a sense of a place,” said Palmer, a Simpsonville, Kentucky resident. “It is about creating fictional realities that capture a sense of whimsy and wonderment of what surrounds me and the final result is the creation of dreamscapes.”

“Jennifer’s work for this show is small, but shows a lot of movement,” said Arrieta. “Her pieces are very involved.”

Library hours are Sundays from 12:30 to 9 p.m.; Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call 561-799-8530 or visit www.library.fau.edu/npb/npb.htm.

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Photo #1: “Remnant of Charley, 2004, SR 72E,” mixed media on BRF gray paper.

Photo #2: “Fictional Realities,” mixed media on poplar panel, by Jennifer Palmer, 2007.

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FAU’s MacArthur Campus in Jupiter offers a broad range of undergraduate and graduate degree programs. The campus is home to the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, the Lifelong Learning Society, the Scripps Florida research facilities and the future site of the Max Planck Florida Institute.

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