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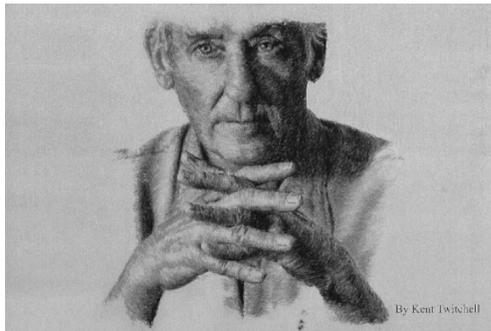


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Artists Paint Artists GALLERY RECEPTION: THURSDAY, JUNE 7

CURATED BY MOLLY BARNES



West Los Angeles College invites the community to view the works of world-renowned artists at the Artists Paint Artists exhibition, curated by Molly Barnes, running throughout June. **A free public reception will be held THURSDAY, JUNE 7 in the college's Fine Arts Gallery adjacent to the parking structure from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.** The exhibit will feature the works of more than a dozen artists with works displayed in prestigious

museums such as the Met, MoMA and LACMA. The artists include Sam Francis, Don Bachardy, Guy Dill, D.J. Hall, Kent Twitchell and Bradford Salamon. Admission is free. Parking is available directly adjacent to the gallery in the Parking Structure for \$2 - exact change will be needed.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS:

D.J. HALL is a local painter whose work can be found across the country from the Met to Bank of America in Los Angeles. Light is the primary subject of her paintings, and her art often portrays women sitting poolside. Her portrait of Swedish artist Astrid Preston will be displayed. Preston's art has been exhibited in galleries and museums across the U.S. and Asia.

SAM FRANCIS is known for his colorful and large-scale abstract paintings. His art was commonly rooted in elements like Abstract Expressionism, Impressionism and Eastern philosophy. Francis was well-known internationally for his post-war American paintings. His works can be found in museums across the world including the Met and MoMA. Francis' self-portrait will be displayed at the exhibit.

DON BACHARDY is a portrait artist based in Santa Monica. One of his most notable works is the official gubernatorial portrait of California Governor Jerry Brown. Bachardy has had many one-man exhibitions across the country and his art resides in permanent collections at the Met, Harvard University, the Smithsonian Institution and more. He was also well-known as the

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partner of late novelist Christopher Isherwood whose work was adapted into the acclaimed Broadway musical *Cabaret*. The exhibit will feature Bachardy's paintings of David Hockney and Jasper Johns. Hockney's portrait paintings can be found at LACMA. Johns is a painter, sculptor and filmmaker whose depictions of the American flag and other U.S. related topics are well-known.

GUY DILL sculpts massive bronze and marble abstractions. His works are in the MoMA, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum and across Los Angeles, including at West Los Angeles College where his metal sculpture "War Baby" sits on the grassy slope across from the Fine Arts Building. His brother, Laddie John Dill, will be the subject of Guy Dill's paintings. Laddie John Dill is a Los Angeles artist who crafts light and earthly materials like concrete, glass, sand and metal.

AUDREY FLACK pioneered photorealism. Her paintings, sculptures and drawings include Abstract Expressionism and New Realism. Flack's paintings create depictions of the real and the regular, and women are often her subjects. Her sculptures depict diverse, heroic women and goddess figures. Her painting is inspired by "The Ecstasy of St. Teresa" by famed Baroque sculptor Gian Lorenzo Bernini.

KENT TWITCHELL's realistic multi-storied mural portraits can be found across Los Angeles. He has painted over 100 portraits, including the "Julius Erving Monument" (Dr. J) in Philadelphia and monuments to visual artists. His murals, studio paintings and drawings often depict a lone figure standing and looking straight out at the viewer. Twitchell's painting of Culver City artist Ed Ruscha will be displayed. Ruscha's textual, flat paintings have been linked with both the pop art movement and the beat generation.

BRADFORD SALAMON specializes in canvas portraits. He has painted many Los Angeles area artists, curators and gallerists including Ed Moses and his family. Moses was a central figure in postwar West Coast art and associated with abstract art. LACMA is currently running a memorial about him.

Others in the exhibit include **GARY WILLOUGHBY** and his painting of Von Dutch, an American artist and pinstriper of the Kustom Kulture movement who is associated with a popular clothing line and Gary Wood who has painted sculptor Mike Todd.

The exhibit will be curated by Molly Barnes, an art dealer, curator, radio personality and artist-in-residence at West. In addition to sharing her wealth of experience and knowledge with the college's aspiring artists, she coordinates free exhibits and lectures which are open to the public.

West Los Angeles College is located at 9000 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA 90230. The college is a ACCJC-accredited community college providing full-time, part-time and online paths to university transfer and career preparation.