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Four New Exhibits Debut at the GoggleWorks this Month

Reading, Pa., May 4, 2010 – GoggleWorks Center for the Arts will display four incredible exhibits during the month of May. From May 6, 2010, through June 14, 2010, two gifted artists will be featured in the Cohen Gallery: Clark DeCapite and Mark Miller. These artists will captivate your senses with their inspiring approaches. The Schmidt Gallery will come alive with color as the *Seven Painters* exhibit provides intense visual stimulation. The Green Wall display will also jar your imagination with the distinct, fresh imagery of Sarah Gersbach.

Cohen Gallery

Clark DeCapite: Existing & the Existed

Opening Reception: Thursday, May 6, 2010, 5:30-7:30pm

Exhibit: May 6, 2010, through June 14, 2010

Through the use of replicated forms taken from dated, often antiquated objects, Clark DeCapite attempts to represent the relationship between the existing and the existed. Much like snapshots taken out of the context of time, each object represents a moment within its previous reality. Primarily working in glass, he attempts to relate the individual objects to an ethereal realm with the aid of the material's transparent yet structural qualities. Through the representational compiling of moments in time, he creates a new structure, dictated by each individual unit's placement in the whole. Clark was the winner of last year's juried exhibition at the GoggleWorks, *Landscape and Industry*, to receive this solo show.

Mark Miller: Retrospective

Opening Reception: Thursday, May 6, 2010, 5:30-7:30pm

Exhibit: May 6, 2010, through June 14, 2010

Mark Miller, born in Ephrata, Pa., and a graduate of Girard College, Philadelphia, has shown his artwork all over the globe. Miller, who currently resides in England, has former exhibitions that were held in Rome, London, and New York. Now his new "Retrospective" exhibition will be featured at the GoggleWorks in Reading, Pa. The show of approximately 40 pieces will include the abstract symbolist style Mark developed in graduate school and carried over into the first years of his work in England. It will also showcase his landscape and still life paintings from his English period. These pieces have a pastoral feel, and illustrate Mark's interpretation of shape, color and light.

Schmidt Gallery

Seven Painters

Opening Reception: May 6, 2010, 5:30-7:30pm

Exhibit: May 1 - May 28, 2010

This exhibit is an extraordinary display of color, composition and texture. Comprised of seven talented artists, the work ranges from breathtaking still-life to absurd abstracts to anatomical anomalies. The artists include Debs Bleicher, Melissa Bollman-Jenkins, Patricia Burns, Deborah Leavy, Adam Levin, Irma Shapiro, and Lynn O'Connor.

Green Wall (across from main information desk)

Life Patterns: New works on paper by Sarah E. Gersbach

Opening Reception: May 6, 5:00-8:00PM

Exhibit: May 6 – June 3, 2010

Sarah Gersbach's work explores naturally occurring patterns and the abstract elements within them. Microcosms and macrocosms are a recurring subject in her prints. Closely cropped images of microcosmic worlds create abstract compositions, exploiting the abstract patterns. Etchings and Collagraphs allow her to explore imagery in an abstract and painterly way. The images are simplified, but they still keep a close link to the real world. Negative space is as important as positive space because it adds to and supports the structure that is being represented.

The GoggleWorks Center for the Arts is a community art and cultural resource center for Berks County, Central and Southeastern Pennsylvania, and is the largest, most comprehensive interactive arts center of its kind in the country. The mission of the GoggleWorks is "to nurture the arts, foster creativity, promote education and enrich the community." The GoggleWorks is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Free parking is available in the GoggleWorks parking lot, accessible from Second, Third or Walnut Streets. For more information, call the GoggleWorks at 610-374-4600 or visit www.goggleworks.org.

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