

Covey Center to Open New Gallery

Two Exhibits Also Premiere

(PROVO, Utah) The Covey Center for the Arts is pleased to announce the grand opening of a second gallery space, the Eccles Gallery, on Friday, September 3. Located in the lower lobby of the Covey Center, the additional exhibition space is named for the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation.

The first exhibit in the new space is “Ghosts, Conversations and Concerns,” featuring work by BYU art professor Joseph Ostraff. Ostraff, who has lived in many different places with his ethnobotanist wife, Melinda, and their six children, considers his work collaborative. “Over the years,” he says, “our family has functioned as a creative research team. Much of what I do as an artist is a by-product of this cooperative.”

“Generally speaking,” Ostraff continues, “my work follows a line of questioning about civility and reverence. While I am responsible for the final orchestration of each work, I do not claim sole ownership to anything I do.” Ostraff’s exhibit is scheduled to run from September 3 through October 28.

A second exhibit is also opening in the original Art Gallery space the same night.

“BYU Studio Faculty Group Exhibition” will include paintings and sculpture by BYU faculty members Von Allen, Gary Barton, Fidalis Buehler, Brian Christensen, Bryon Draper, Peter Everett and Sunny Belliston Taylor. It will run September 3-23.

An opening reception for “Ghosts, Conversations and Concerns” and “BYU Studio Faculty Group Exhibition” will be held Friday, September 3, from 6 to 9 p.m., in conjunction with the Downtown Provo Gallery Stroll. The public is invited.

Both Covey Center galleries are open Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, visit the Covey Center website, www.coveycenter.org, or call 801-852-7007.

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