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Untold Stories Opens at City Gallery

CHARLESTON, S.C.—*Untold Stories*, an exhibition of figurative paintings by artists James Innes, Kristi Ryba and Daphne vom Baur opens March 12, 2010 at the City Gallery at Waterfront Park. The public is invited to the opening reception in honor of the artists, on March 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. *Untold Stories* was organized by Curator, Mary Walker, and sponsored by the City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs. The exhibition will be on display through April 25, 2010.

Untold Stories features the work of three contemporary figure painters, James Innes, Kristi Ryba and Daphne vom Baur, who present their distinct viewpoints and creative processes through figurative works, while allowing the viewer to explore their stories and experiences. Mary Walker stated, “What attracted me to these artists and compelled me to develop this exhibition is my love for narrative art.”

Artist lectures will be held on the following Saturdays (all are admission-free):

- Daphne vom Baur: March 13 at 3 p.m.
- Joanna Innes and Roberta Sokolitz for James Innes: March 20 at 3 p.m.
- Kristi Ryba: March 27 at 3 p.m.

Born in New York in 1929, James Innes received a BFA and, a short time later, an MFA from the Kansas City Art Institute. He went on to teach and create art, subsequently moving to South Carolina in 1990, where he lived until his death in 2009. During his entire artistic career, Innes considered himself to be a figurative painter. The paintings represented in *Untold Stories* are largely inspired by Innes’ travels to Mexico and Italy throughout the 1970s and 1980s, where he became fascinated with religious and ceremonial imagery related to San Miguel and his own Catholic upbringing.

Kristi Ryba holds BA degree from the College of Charleston and an MFA from Vermont College. A multi-media painter, Ryba examines family life as well as women’s roles in her art. She works from old photographs to create figurative paintings and manuscripts. Ryba is also influenced by her personal experiences and family life. She has lived in California, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, but currently resides in the Charleston area.

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The work of Daphne vom Baur in *Untold Stories* is inspired by mythology, art history, and her life experiences. She holds a BFA from Boston University. Working formally and intuitively with drawing and color, vom Baur sometimes uses her family as figure models as she paints her own interpretations of imaginative worlds or ancient epics like the *Odyssey*. She currently works and lives in Virginia.

The City Gallery at Waterfront Park, owned by the City of Charleston and operated by the City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs, is a venue for contemporary artwork that is new, vital and innovative, with a focus on broadening Charleston's arts outlook. The City Gallery provides access to the visual arts for everyone in Charleston, S.C., visitors and residents alike, by offering exhibits that are all admission-free. The City Gallery is located at 34 Pringle St. in downtown Charleston, S.C., and gallery hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. For more information, please call or e-mail the City Gallery at (843) 958-6484 or CityGallery@ci.charleston.sc.us and visit www.charlestonarts.sc.

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