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Included below is a press release regarding Ferris State University's Rankin Art Gallery October exhibit. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services.

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Rankin Art Gallery presents Marion Bingham's 'Dream Horse Series'

BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University's Rankin Art Gallery is featuring artist Marion Bingham's "Dream Horse Series" through Oct. 30.

The "Dream Horse Series" was painted by Bingham during the past decade and evokes horses she may have once ridden but which live now only in her imagination, she says.

Her current work is the result of deciding to change from print making to using oil glazes in her paintings during the 1990s. She uses the glazes to layer subtle colors that seem to emerge from each other, said Gallery Coordinator Carrie Weis. For a piece called "Wind," the layers of clear glaze make the horse, rider and wind merge as one.

Living half of the year in Connecticut and the other half in the south of France, "Dream Horse Series" was inspired by Bingham's management of a horse farm in Connecticut, Weis added. Although she left the farm, she found the horses still lived in her memory.

In her early years as an artist, Bingham lived and studied art in both Hong Kong and the Philippines, concentrating on the Zen style with its emphasis on brushwork.

Bingham received her B.A. from Connecticut College and an M.A. in Liberal Studies with a concentration in Art from Wesleyan University. Born in California and a student of art in New York, Hong Kong and Manila, Bingham completed her graduate education after several years serving as a photographer's business representative.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Further information is available by contacting Weis at (231) 591-2536 or weisc@ferris.edu.

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