



**PRESS RELEASE: Budnik's Paintings Featured in January Ferris Art Exhibit**  
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Included below is a press release regarding the upcoming on-campus art exhibit of the works of Sheryl Budnik in the Rankin Art Gallery at Ferris State University in Big Rapids. The Budnik exhibit begins on Wednesday, Jan. 4 and runs through Saturday, Jan. 21. Any questions about the Budnik exhibit can be answered by visiting the Rankin Art Gallery website (contained in the release) or by contacting Sandy Gholston, interim assistant director of News Services.

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### **Budnik's Paintings Featured in January Ferris Art Exhibit**

BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University's Rankin Art Gallery is set to host Sheryl Budnik's paintings in an exhibit titled "Chaos and Calm" beginning Wednesday, Jan. 4 and running through Saturday, Jan. 21.

This exhibit, in the gallery located in the Rankin Student Center above the bookstore, is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. An artist reception is scheduled for Jan. 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the gallery.

Carrie Weis, director of the Rankin Art Gallery, hopes to welcome a large and diverse audience from the Ferris community and beyond to see the exhibit. She believes that the gallery is meant for the community to enjoy.

"Art is a language, not much different than any written language. It provides a voice for a large number of people who are visual thinkers and who are interested in seeing and experiencing something new," Weis said. "I think of how drab life would be if all we did was walk the same path every single day. For me, art is the magic that makes today fun and tomorrow exciting."

Budnik, originally from Grand Rapids, will display a number of her oil paintings inspired from travels throughout Europe and the United States. Her most recent work is focused on water as she studies the ocean alongside Long Island, N.Y. Weis said Budnik's work has the look and feel of early Expressionist painters.

"Sheryl incorporates the color palette and impasto technique that characterizes that Expressionist style, but contemporizes it through thematic concepts relating to current environmental issues such as global warming, natural disasters like sinking cargo ships and the tsunami that recently devastated Japan," she said.

Weis hopes that those who visit the gallery are inspired to create their own works of art or have discussions about the topics related to Sheryl's artwork.

To learn more about the Rankin Art Gallery visit:

[http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/colleges/artsands/Art\\_Gallery/](http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/colleges/artsands/Art_Gallery/)

To learn more about Sheryl Budnik visit:

<http://www.sherylbudnik.com/index.html>

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