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Following is a release from Ferris State University regarding an exhibit at Rankin Art Gallery. Please contact Leah Nixon if you have any questions. Thanks.

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## Rankin Gallery features work by Nelson Reinhardt

BIG RAPIDS – Nelson Reinhardt – Urban Landscapes will be on exhibit in the Rankin Art Gallery Oct. 10 through 27. Constantly searching for eye-catching subjects, Reinhardt's paintings reflect urban scenes and landscapes of both small towns and large cities.

"He tries to seize and express a moment in time, how subjects come together in an image that expresses an idea and feeling of happiness, anger, the best and the worst," Gallery Coordinator Carrie Weis said. "His straightforward paint application is reminiscent of Edward Hopper, one of Reinhardt's biggest influences."

Added, Reinhardt, "From Edward Hopper I learned that simplicity is the key to painting. He took many non-descriptive subjects and turned them into unforgettable works of art. I strive to achieve that simple way of painting."

Urban Landscapes is the second of eight exhibits Rankin Gallery staff will host during the 2006-07 season. 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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