



PRESS RELEASE: Rankin Art Gallery to Feature Exhibit by Award -Winning Kendall Graduate

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Included below is a press release regarding the upcoming on-campus "Journey: Life from the Inside Out" exhibit that will be on display in the Rankin Art Gallery on the Ferris State University campus in Big Rapids, beginning Thursday, Nov. 1. The award-winning artist Shelley Newman Stevens is responsible for the works. Stevens is a graduate of Ferris' Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids. Any questions about this release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, News Services and Social Media Manager.

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BIG RAPIDS – The Rankin Art Gallery at Ferris State University will present “Journey: Life from the Inside Out,” an exhibit of works by award-winning artist Shelley Newman Stevens, beginning Thursday, Nov. 1.

The series of figurative oil paintings in the narrative exhibit are the latest works by Stevens, a graduate of Ferris’ Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids. The exhibit runs through Tuesday, Nov. 20.

“Shelley’s exhibit is very unique, because it’s narrative,” said Carrie Weis, gallery director. “It’s also figurative, and the story is really being told by a young woman named Annara. All of the paintings feature this female figure.”

Stevens, who earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 2000 and a Master of Fine Arts in 2004 from Kendall, is an assistant professor in the Fine Arts Department at Central Michigan University

and a studio artist at Golden Apple Studio in Mount Pleasant. She also is director of the Golden Apple Art Residency in Harrington, Maine, and has served as a juror for various exhibitions and scholarship awards.

Her work has received awards at juried regional and national exhibits, and her paintings were featured in the 2011 documentary, “Re-Enchantment,” produced by the Australia Broadcasting Corporation.

“We really enjoy hosting Kendall artists, faculty and graduates at our gallery,” Weis said. “I think it’s a nice way to connect with the Grand Rapids campus and offer them a venue here in Big Rapids.”

Admission to the gallery, located in the Rankin Student Activities Center above the bookstore, is free and open to the public. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. A reception with Stevens is 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7.

For more information on Stevens, visit <http://www.goldenapplestudio.com/home.htm>

For additional information on the Rankin Art Gallery, visit http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/othersrv/art_gallery/index.htm.

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