



Renowned Artist Beverly McIver Donates Painting to NCCU

Durham, N.C. - Renowned artist Beverly McIver, best known for her expressionist self-portraits, has joined the North Carolina Central University art department as a SunTrust endowed professor. A reception will be held in McIver's honor on Thursday, August 13, 2009, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the NCCU Art Museum, located on the campus of NCCU on Lawson Street, between Fayetteville and Merrick St. Admission is free and open to the public.

McIver, a native of Greensboro, received the Bachelor of Arts degree from NCCU and a master of fine arts degree in Painting and Drawing from Pennsylvania State University. She served as a visiting lecturer at North Carolina State University and as an assistant professor at Duke University before receiving a tenure position at Arizona State. While teaching as an associate professor in Arizona, in the spring of 2007 she was awarded the Honorary Doctorate at NCCU.

Over the span of McIver's career, she gained popularity from major solo exhibitions and the sale of her paintings. McIver, a recipient of numerous grants and awards, has a triptych painting among the permanent collection at NC State Museum of Art, in Raleigh. She also has works in the collections of the Baltimore Museum of Art, the Scottsdale Museum of Art and the Crocker Art Museum, to name a few.

She has received numerous prestigious awards such as the John Simon Guggenheim award, the Radcliffe Institute of Advanced Studies, The Louis Comfort Tiffany Award and the Creative Capital award for her works.

McIver is a practicing artist with a very active career and understands the importance of preparing students for life after graduation. McIver at NCCU is the instructor for Painting I, II and III. She instills in students the value of networking and exposing their work to a broader audience.

Her strategies for teaching is that students should learn basic fundamentals in order to create meaningful art. Once the student has grasped the fundamentals of color and can paint or draw what is in front of them, the focus is switched to developing their conceptual ideas.

McIver will donate her "Self Portrait" to be raffled off at Homecoming this October. The painting will be used to kick off a major scholarship drive for the Department of Art and to celebrate NCCU 100 Centennial. Tickets for the Scholarship Drive Raffle will be available for fifty dollars at local vendors, to be announced at a later date.

For more information, contact NCCU Art Department at (919) 530-6391, or call the Admission's office if you are interested in enrolling in a painting course.