

Carolina Arts, October 2017

Newberry College in Newberry, SC, is presenting Musings: Reflections on Line and Color, featuring new works on paper and canvas by abstract figurative artist Bonnie Goldberg, on view in the Wessel's Library Gallery through Nov. 15, 2017.

The Columbia, SC, based artist will offer abstract figurative works that depict the model "as it moves in space". The works are often gestural, full of implied energy and motion that the artist emphasizes through her elegant and kinetic use of line and color. Goldberg's energetic marks breathe life into these women.

Goldberg states, "my figure work is the embodiment of who I am as an artist. I connect to the lines and shapes of the pose, the gesture of the model, and find the essence of the person who is posing". Although she states that she tries "to keep the details to a minimum", the figures are no less alive for that effort.

"The gesture is important to me and taking out the detail and trying to capture the spirit of the movement in the smallest lines are what I try to achieve as I draw and feel what the pose is about" says Goldberg. She continues, "I want to include the viewer in my work. I want each person looking at my lines to think about where they come from and what they are trying to say. When posing or photographing the women that I love to paint, I try to find each personal gesture that belongs to that particular woman and then translate that into the essence of who she is in that moment in time."

Goldberg states in a most succinct manner, "The beauty of the women, both interior and exterior, and the gesture of the spirit of women is what is important to me in my work". Goldberg has exhibited extensively in the Southeast and is the recipient of numerous awards in painting and drawing. She is the recipient of a 2016 arts award and honor from the Palmetto Center for Women for outstanding work in her field and her many contributions to the community. She is a self-taught artist who has studied with many notable painters including Alex Powers, Katherine Chang Liu, Glenn Bradshaw, Ernest Velardi, Don Andrews, Sigmund Abeles, and Carole Barnes. Her work is in private collections in the United States, Canada, and France. Goldberg is represented in Charlotte, NC, at the Anne Neilson Fine Art Gallery. Her work can also be seen at her studio in Columbia, at the Arcade Building, on Main Street.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings or call the Wessels Library at 803/321-5229.

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Features Works by Bonnie  
Goldberg