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Academy Art Museum Announces First Weekend Exhibitions and Programs

Part of the Academy Art Museum's Paint the Town Cuban Weekend Event

A Conversation with Exiled Cuban Writer/Poet Alexis Romay

Friday, May 6, 5 p.m. Free. Academy Art Museum

"A Conversation with Alexis Romay, exiled Cuban writer/poet living outside of New York City: Mixing Memory and Desire" will include a conversation about Cuba as part of Easton's First Friday events.

South Street Gallery - Geandy Pavon

May 6 -15, Reception May 6, 5 – 8 p.m.

Geandy Pavon is an expatriate Cuban and a classically-trained, contemporary artist who has earned critical acclaim for his often large and deeply symbolic works of art.

Troika Gallery – Jorge Alberto

Friday, May 6, 5 – 8 p.m.

Born in Cuba, Jorge Alberto is a realist painter whose subject matter ranges from still life and florals to Trompe l'oeil (French for deceive the eye), an art technique involving extremely realistic imagery in order to create the optical illusion of three dimension.

Tidewater Inn - In celebration of Cuban culture, Chef Paul Shiley of the Tidewater Inn will offer guests Cuban specials and a variety of mojitos over the weekend.

Academy Art Museum Paint the Town CUBAN! Fundraiser

As part of the Museum's Paint the Town CUBAN! Fundraiser, online sign-ups for the Museum's Artful Adventures – the rare opportunities to visit homes of the Shore's most distinguished art collections and to experience art in other creative ways - are available through May 5, 2011. Participants in the Museum's Paint the Town CUBAN! Fundraiser are supporting the Academy Art Museum's mission to enhance cultural life on the Eastern Shore by making available to everyone the Museum's expanding collection, exhibitions, and broad spectrum of arts programs. For further information, visit www.academyartmuseum.org.

Exhibitions

Lisa Breslow: Landscape/Cityscape

April 22 - May 29, 2011

This exhibition of paintings and monotypes by New York-based artist Lisa Breslow reflects a mastery of light, color, and abstraction which critics have observed an affinity with painters like George Inness, Fairfield Porter and Eduard Manet.

Sylvia Gottwald: Cultured Designs

April 22 - May 22, 2011

Gottwald is a Croatian-born, Harvard-trained architect turned rare shells from France, Thailand, Japan, the Phillipines into wearable art. *Cultured Designs* showcases a cross section of materials and forms created over the last 10 years of Gottwald's career as a jewelry designer.

Jacob Lawrence: Toussaint L'Ouverture Series of Prints

April 29 - June 12, 2011

These 15 prints are based on forty-one paintings from a series also entitled "Toussaint L'Ouverture," which was completed in 1938 and are currently in the Amistad Research Center in New Orleans.

Annual Mid-Shore Student Art Exhibition

Students from Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, and Queen Anne's counties

April 22 - May 8, 2011 - Grades 9-12

May 12 - 29, 2011 - Grades K-8

This annual celebration of the artistic talents of students from highlights nearly 300 works from kindergarten through 12th grade plus special education. Presented by the Museum for more than 20 years, this is the largest and most prestigious exhibition of student art on the Eastern Shore.

VISITOR INFORMATION

Admission to the Museum is \$3 for non-members, children under 12 admitted free. The Museum is open Monday and Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. with extended hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The First Friday of each month, the Museum is open until 7 p.m. The Museum is located at 106 South St., Easton, MD, 21601. For general Museum information, call 410-822-ARTS (2787) or visit: www.academyartmuseum.org.