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GLENN DASHER: SCULPTURE, INSPIRED GEORGIA AND INSPIRED ALBANY EXHIBITS OPEN MARCH 15 AT ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART

People's Choice Winner for Inspired Albany To Be Announced at Opening

[For Release March 7, 2018 – Albany, GA] – What inspires you will be the theme of the evening on Thursday, March 15, when the Albany Museum of Art opens a trio of exhibitions – Glenn Dasher: Sculpture, Inspired Georgia: Contemporary Photography, and Inspired Albany: A Juried Photography Exhibition.

You may find yourself inspired enough to pour your own creativity onto a canvas on Saturday, March 17, at the AMA's Acrylic Pouring Art Workshop, which will be led by Dynamic Fluid Art Instructor Casey Cole Corbin.

Sculptor Glenn Dasher, now a full-time artist after 35 years in academia, says he finds inspiration by tapping into the human desire to immortalize. He describes his work, which will be exhibited in the Haley Gallery through June 16, as surreal, playful, or iconoclastic "monuments" that present "pseudo-historical" statuary fragments within an altered/improbable conceptual context.

"They derive from my fascination with our basic human desire to immortalize ourselves; our singular/questionable acts of heroism, brilliance, triumph, or tragedy; to embody our memories in statuary and public structures, of bronze and stone; their origins and meaning inevitably corrupted, lost, or mystified by evolving contexts wrought by the inevitable passage of time, selective memory, or societal change," said Dasher, the former dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, Alabama. Dasher will attend the opening.

The Georgia Council for the Arts' Inspired Georgia exhibition, in the East Gallery through April 7, includes images from the book "Inspired Georgia." With each artist's identity as a Georgian the

starting point, the images, on tour throughout the state, present the wide-ranging visions and voices of 85 exceptional Georgia artists.

The West Gallery will be the site for Inspired Albany, which will continue through June 2. For that group exhibition, the Albany Museum of Art invited area photographers to submit up to two images inspired by Albany's history, art, people and natural beauty. A panel of judges selected 20 of the works to be part of the exhibition, and the People's Choice will be awarded at the opening.

The opening for the three exhibits is 5-7 pm at the AMA, 311 Meadowlark Drive. There is no charge for admission and it is open to the public.

Those who find their own creativity has been inspired are invited to take advantage of a new trendy outlet as the AMA hosts its Acrylic Pouring Art Workshop 10 am - 3:30 pm on St. Patrick's Day.

During the beginner class, Casey Cole Corbin will introduce participants to mediums, materials and six methods for creating these works of art. He then will turn class members loose on a seventh, larger piece on which they will employ one or more of the techniques. Participants will go home with seven works of art they created.

The cost of the class is \$90 for AMA members and \$100 for future members. Register at www.albanymuseum.com or call 229-439-8400.

The Albany Museum of Art, located in Albany, Georgia, houses an impressive collection that includes 19th and 20th century American and European art, as well as a substantial collection of sub-Saharan African art including masks, sculpture, pottery, textiles and musical instruments. The Albany Museum of Art is accredited by the American Association of Museums. The Albany Museum of Art is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am until 5 pm. Admission is free.

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