

NEW EXHIBITION SEASON

VALPARAISO, Ind. – An extensive collection of works by Indiana’s most beloved artists and a wide array of African art and ceremonial objects are among the exhibitions to be hosted by Valparaiso University’s Brauer Museum of Art during its 2009-2010 season.

The upcoming season at Brauer Museum (valpo.edu/artmuseum) will include seven featured exhibitions:

- Aug. 25 through Nov. 20 – “Selections for the Robert and Ellen Haan Collection of Historic Indiana Art” and “Left Behind: Native American Artifacts from the Robert Schoon Collection.”
- Dec. 4 through March 21 – “Thomas H. Kapsalis: Artist’s House Paintings and Sculpture, 1947-2008.”
- March 31 through April 19 – “Secondary School Showcase.”
- March 31 through May 9 – “Valparaiso University Art Faculty Exhibition.”
- April 21 through May 9 – “Valparaiso University Art Student Exhibition.”
- May 14 through Aug. 8 – “The Art and Magic of Africa: Selections from the Lawrence P. Kolton Collection.”

Indiana’s most significant and beloved artists of the 19th and 20th centuries – figures such as T.C. Steele, Lucie Hartrath and Otto Stark – are held in the collection of Robert and Ellen Haan of Lafayette.

“The Haans own one of the finest collections of Indiana art in the nation,” said Gregg Hertzlieb, director of Brauer Museum. “These are works of exquisite quality and historical importance.”

The exhibition of 30 works will provide an overview of the styles and themes explored by Indiana’s artists over the past two centuries.

Also on display to begin the 2009-2010 season is “Left Behind,” featuring a number of arrowheads, axe heads and other Native American artifacts from the Robert Schoon Collection, recently donated to Brauer Museum by the widow of the Wheatfield area farmer. The donation of more than 1,500 artifacts adds a significant new facet to Brauer Museum’s collection with its representation of objects from several Native American peoples who lived in the Midwest over the past several hundred years.

An opening reception for the Haan Collection and “Left Behind” will take place at 7 p.m. Aug. 28, and gallery talks will take place Sept. 23 and Nov. 4. Each of the events will be free and open to the public.

The work of one of Chicago’s leading abstract painters over the past 60 years, Thomas H. Kapsalis, will be featured at Brauer Museum during a winter exhibition.

“Kapsalis is one of the finest artists in the Midwest and he has continually made outstanding art throughout a very long career,” Hertzlieb said. “Brauer Museum is excited to host a retrospective show that will provide a full view of his work.”

Brauer Museum received a \$10,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to prepare the Kapsalis exhibition, which will include a new video about

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Kapsalis by fellow Chicago artist Michele Feder-Nadoff. Kapsalis also will visit Brauer Museum for gallery talks on Jan. 13 and 27.

During the spring, both art students and art faculty members will present dozens of their works spanning a wide range of media in the “Valparaiso University Art Student Exhibition” and “Valparaiso University Art Faculty Exhibition,” while Northwest Indiana’s most outstanding high school artists will see their work featured in the museum’s annual “Secondary School Showcase.”

Concluding Brauer Museum’s 2009-2010 season will be an exhibition of African artwork and ceremonial objects collected by Lawrence P. Kolton of Beverly Shores. Masks, pottery, carved figures and bronzes from a variety of countries and tribes are among the works to be featured during the summer exhibition.

“Brauer Museum hosted a very popular exhibition of New Guinea art and artifacts from Kolton’s collection in 2005, and we thought a similar showcase of African artwork would also appeal to people,” Hertzlieb said. “All of the items are historic and world-class pieces of art, and I believe this exhibition is going to impress people.”

Primary and secondary school teachers from the region are invited to attend an Oct. 7 coffee hour and workshop that will focus on how the Haan Collection and “Left Behind” exhibitions can be used for educational purposes in classes. The event begins at 7 p.m. and is free.

More information about Brauer Museum’s 2009-2010 season, including a complete list of exhibition-related events, is available online at valpo.edu/artmuseum. Brauer Museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday during the academic year. Admission to the museum and all events is free. Group tours may be arranged by calling (219) 465-7926.

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