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Jonas Burgert: “Enigmatic Narrative” exhibition opens at DU’s Myhren Gallery Oct. 1, 2008

Solo exhibition by German painter, Gallery’s artist-in-residence at DU

DENVER – German painter Jonas Burgert’s first solo show in the U.S. titled, “Enigmatic Narrative,” will open Oct. 1, 2008 at the Victoria H. Myhren Gallery at the University of Denver (DU). An opening reception for the exhibit will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1 at the Myhren Gallery, located at 2121 E. Asbury Ave.

Burgert, who is a rising star in the European art world, is an artist-in-residence at the Gallery this fall and will participate in studio art classes and critiques at DU’s School of Art & Art History. He is known for his complex and mysterious narrative, even epic, style of painting. According to Burgert, his work addresses the meditative chaos of nature and the interrelated elements of human cultures. “One needs spiritual copies of oneself in order to have a dialogue between one’s inner characters,” he says.

Denver Art Museum (DAM) curator Christoph Heinrich describes the spaces in Burgert’s paintings as theatre stages. “He is not looking for a window onto the real world; he creates a world of his own, where figures are staged within metaphoric parables,” Heinrich says. “They are never meant to be individual human beings, but allegories for the human existence.”

Burgert will be in residence at the Victoria H. Myhren Gallery throughout his exhibition. The gallery will be a temporary painting studio for Burgert’s use. Burgert received his MA at the Academy of Fine Arts in Berlin in 1996 and has had two major solo exhibitions in Europe.

What: “Enigmatic Narrative” Exhibition
When: Wednesday, Oct. 1 – Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008
Opening Reception: Oct. 1, 5-8 p.m.
Where: Victoria H. Myhren Gallery, University of Denver
2121 E. Asbury Ave., Denver, CO
Cost: Always free.
Hours: 12-4 p.m. daily.
Artist Events: Logan Lecture: Nov. 20, 2008, 7 p.m. \$8-18 sliding scale. Location:
Denver Art Museum, Hamilton Building, Lower Level.
Additional special events for students and other members of the
University community are described at
<http://www.du.edu/art/myhrengallery.htm>

In collaboration the newly-formed Colorado Contemporary Arts Collaboration, other works by Burgert are being shown at the Denver Art Museum and at MCA Denver during fall 2008 and a catalog will be published. He will also deliver one of the Denver Art Museum’s Logan Lectures on Nov. 20, 2008. Information at <http://contemporaryartcolorado.com/>.