



Sumter County Gallery of Art in Sumter, SC, Features Works by Denise L. Greer & Steve Johnson

The Sumter County Gallery of Art in Sumter, SC, is presenting two new exhibits including: *Denise L. Greer: Detours & Destinations* and *Steve Johnson: Animus*, both on view through July 6, 2012.

The Sumter County Gallery of Art is proud to present the mixed media works of Steve Johnson. The body of work presented in *Animus* plays with the social disparity between those with the power of flight and those who are grounded. Johnson has been captivated by the concept of flight since childhood, spending his time capturing, observing, and releasing birds much like a Darwinian naturalist. This detailed, observational approach and curiosity formed the foundation of Johnson's delicate, yet energetic, style of

draftsmanship. His grand social narrative unfolds amongst an anthropomorphic cast of chickadees and rats, undaunted in all of their beauty and malice.



Work by Steve Johnson

Frank McCauley, Curator at the Sumter County Gallery of Art observes: "If you've ever gone down to Swan Lake with some bread, then you might have experienced first hand the sense of the

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competitive tension present in Steve Johnson's work. I was first taken by Steve's work back in 2009 when he had started teaching at the College of Charleston and I had recently relocated to Sumter. These large-scale, dark, graphite & gesso pieces, showed writhing gaggles of geese in an almost Dante-esque lake environment. Steve's new body of work has moved from monumental canvases to the more intimately scaled birch panels. I think viewers will enjoy discovering all the fine details and a few surprises in these beautiful pieces."

Johnson was born and raised in Mesa, AZ, and moved to San Francisco in 1996. He graduated from San Francisco State University with a BA in printmaking and painting in 2003 and received an MFA in painting and drawing from Arizona State University in 2008. Johnson was invited as a Master Printmaker artist in residence at the Robert Blackburn Printmaking Workshop in NYC in 2010. Recently Johnson has had solo exhibitions at 111 Minna Gallery in San Francisco, CA,



Work by Steve Johnson

Blackburn 20/20 in New York City, and the Halsey Institute for Contemporary Art in Charleston, SC. Johnson is currently an Assistant Professor of Drawing at the College of Charleston.

Johnson's studio practice is based in drawing and painting; he works primarily in gray scale utilizing the warm and cool

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