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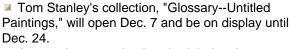
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An opening reception is scheduled at the gallery, located at 808 Lady Street, for 5 p.m. Dec.



ROCK HILL, S.C. — For more than 20 years, Winthrop University's Tom Stanley has brought artists and their work to the Winthrop community and helped students embrace their own artistry.

Beginning Friday, Dec. 7, Stanley, the Department of Fine Arts chair, will have his own work on display at if ART Gallery in Columbia. An opening reception is scheduled at Gallery 80808, located at 808 Lady Street, for 5 p.m. Dec. 7.

Stanley's collection, "Tom Stanley: Glossary — Untitled Paintings," displays a "glossary of his visual language" from those 20 years. Stanley's pieces have a distinct touch to them, building up to create new, free-floating narratives.

The most recent paintings are "deliberate only to the extent that these images, or related images, are what I know," he said in a press release for the gallery. "I do try to approach them in new ways so they have the opportunity to say something new on the surface of the canvas. It is about discovering what is next."

Stanley holds a bachelor's in art from Sacred Heart College and two master's degrees from the University of South Carolina. He joined the Winthrop community in 1990. His paintings have been published in several publications, and his work has been featured in collections of the Medical University of South Carolina, the S.C. State Museum, B.F. Goodrich and the S.C. Arts Commission.

Most recently, Stanley was a featured artist and presenter at the S.C. Art Education Association Staff Development Conference.

Stanley's work will be on display until Dec. 24. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-7 p.m. weekdays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Holiday hours begin Dec. 20 with 1-5 p.m. Sunday or by appointment. Visit the gallery's website for more information.

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