

‘Southern Landscapes’ opens Saturday at The Bascom

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Exhibition honors HCLT’s 100th year of local land conservation

Evocative paintings in oil, pastel and watercolor will be showcased in The Bascom’s next exhibition, “Southern Landscapes by Lamar Dodd and Will Henry Stevens.”

The exhibition, co-curated by Carol Carr and Dr. William Eiland, opens this Saturday, Aug. 22, with a free public opening reception from 5-7 p.m. The exhibition continues through Oct. 17.

With this exhibition, The Bascom honors the Highlands- Cashiers Land Trust’s 100th year of local land conservation. The show not only hails the accomplishments of two of the South’s greatest art teachers and painters, but also pays homage to land preservation. Dodd (1909-1996) was head of the University of Georgia’s art department. Stevens (1881– 1946) taught at the H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College in New Orleans, La., part of Tulane University. The Bascom’s covered bridge is named in honor of Stevens (reconstructed with help from donors Dorothy and Jimmy Coleman and Dian and Tom Winingder).

“Dodd and Stevens’ work exemplifies an affinity for nature as embodied in landscape,” said Kaye Gorecki, Bascom artistic director. “Stevens and Dodd were famous university teachers and still have a tremendous following among artists, art students and art collectors. The landscape theme is in tribute not only to these tremendously talented artists, but also to the Highlands- Cashiers Land Trust (HCLT) as they celebrate their centennial. The Trust’s mission of preserving natural areas, scenic beauty and green spaces echoes the visions of Stevens and Dodd.”

Eiland and Carr will present remarks at 6 p.m. during the exhibition opening reception on Aug. 22.

Exhibitions are free and open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Bascom’s new address is 323 Franklin Road, Highlands.

Exhibition sponsors include Cathy and Bob Fisher, Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust and Old Edwards Club Members: Sydney Gaines Lanier, Penny and Ed Mawyer, Pam and Chuck Watson, Angela and Art Williams, Patsy and Bill Wolff.

For more information, visit www.thebascom.org or call (828) 526-4949.



This image by Will Henry Stevens (1881-1946), Untitled, pastel on paper, will be part of the “Southern Landscapes” exhibition opening Aug. 22.

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