

KARPELES MUSEUM, NY 2009



Opening: Below the Surface – The mixed-media art of Carol Flaitz and Carla Goldberg

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Carol Flaitz and Carla Goldberg are innovative contemporary artists united by a common aesthetic sensibility and social perspective. Besides a similar creative philosophy, they share a profound concern for the use of art in the improvement of the human experience. Earlier this year the two artists were responsible for coordinating the Freedom and Art International Exhibition at the Mount Beacon Fine Art Gallery, designed to raise awareness of the imprisonment of the Burmese political activist and Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi.

The dynamic work of these artists is complementary both emotionally and formally. Both use abstraction to create work in mixed media, Flaitz inspired by nano-photography—examination of the tiny computer chips that drive modern computer technology—and Goldberg by the infinite flow and spirit of the Hudson River. The textured work of both artists is vibrant in composition and richly tactile in surface.

“Below the Surface” also features selected international artwork from the book entitled *Freedom and Art*, a collaborative effort by 74 artists from 27 countries on six continents published to make a philosophical statement. Proceeds from the sale of the book, which will be available at the exhibition, are being donated to Amnesty International on behalf of Aung San Suu Kyi. The paintings selected for the exhibition from this elegant volume include work from artists in Portugal, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Hungary, Russia, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Libya, and South Africa.

The public is invited to meet the artists at a reception at the Karpeles Museum on Saturday, November 7, from 12 to 4 p.m.

The Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum is located at 94 Broadway, across from City Hall, in the City of Newburgh. The Karpeles Museums are a national chain with nine in the U.S., specializing in the preservation and display of original, historically significant documents and manuscripts. Museum Hours: Thu.-Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 12 to 4 p.m.

Admission is always free.





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