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NEWS

Press Release

What: Breed Gallery: **Circle of Fire**
Stephanie Thornton, Mike Lanier, George Holland

Gallery II: **Oman:Land of Diversity**
Omani Society of Fine Arts

Gallery III: **National Arts Program**
Juried Exhibit

Gallery IV: **Dancers**
Morten Nilsson

When: **Breed Gallery:** Opens May 4th and continues through June 28th.
Gallery 2: Continues through May 30th.
Gallery 3: Opens May 8th and continues through May 31st.
Gallery 4: Opens May 4th and continues through June 29th.

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Jane Adams Breed Gallery- Circle of Fire– *Stephanie Thornton, Mike Lanier, George Holland*

The Center for Contemporary Arts presents artist members Stephanie Thornton, Mike Lanier, and George Holland's collection of new work titled ***Circle of Fire*** in the Breed Gallery. All three are local artists living in or around Abilene and own their own businesses that deal directly with art. ***Circle of Fire*** is a collection of hand-blown glass by Stephanie Thornton, ceramics and paintings by George Holland, and paintings by Mike Lanier. The exhibit opens May 4th and continues through June 28th

Gallery 2- Oman: Land of Diversity – *Omani Society for Fine Arts*

The Center for Contemporary Arts is proud to present ***Oman: Land of Diversity*** in Gallery 2. This exhibit, by the Omani Society for Fine Arts is a group show revealing the landscape and people of Oman. This series of remarkable landscapes and striking portraits invites you to envision the Omani people and their surroundings. ***Oman: Land of Diversity*** was exhibited in Lubbock, TX prior to its opening in Abilene. Oman: Land of Diversity opens April 10 and continues through May 30.

Gallery 3- National Arts Program – *Juried Exhibit*

The Center for Contemporary Arts presents The 17th Annual National Arts Program Exhibit and Contest for City of Abilene employees, retired employees and their relatives, and Jones and Taylor County residents. The Exhibit will be displayed at The Center for Contemporary Arts from May 8th through May 31st. A reception and presentation of awards will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 6:30pm. The National Art competition is co-sponsored by The National Arts Program Foundation of Malvern, Pennsylvania and The City of Abilene Recreation Department.

Gallery 4- Dancers-Morten Nilsson Courtesy of Photographs Do Not Bend Gallery

Photographer Morten Nilsson of Copenhagen, Denmark, presents his series ***Dancers***. The exhibit, in Gallery 4, opens May 4th and continues through June 29th. Nilsson photographs participants at various European Ballroom Dancing Competitions. The images are taken immediately after performance in front of found backdrops. Nilsson is represented by Photographs Do Not Bend Gallery (PDNB) of Dallas, TX, and has exhibited his photographs all over the world, won awards and garnered prestigious acclaim including the Discoveries of The Meeting Place, FotoFest in 2006, exhibits at Clamp Art Gallery in New York City, The Griffin Museum of Photography in Boston and Critical Mass award and traveling exhibition in 2005. His images can be found in many print collections. For more information about the exhibit, please contact Curator of Exhibits, Brady Nichols.

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