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El Camino College Art Gallery to Present *Earth and Sky* by ECC Professor Emeritus Carson Gladson

The El Camino College Art Gallery will present *Earth and Sky*, a retrospective survey of work by ECC Professor Emeritus Carson Gladson from August 29 through September 23. An artist's reception is scheduled for 7 to 9 p.m. September 8. The El Camino College Art Gallery is located on campus, 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, near Torrance. The exhibit's curator is Susanna Meiers.

Earth and Sky shows Carson Gladson's painting, drawing and digital work through his career. Gladson taught painting and drawing at El Camino College for nearly 40 years, where he instructed and inspired generations of students in their pursuit of artistic development.

This exhibition at El Camino College was organized in tandem with a solo exhibit of his work, titled *Carson Gladson, Musical Landscape Improvisations*, which ran through June and July at Chapman University in Orange.

Gladson's pastels (1980-1990s) are gentle depictions of nature, focusing on pastoral scenes of the landscape of California where his prodigious drawing skills are prominent. Throughout most of his adult life, Gladson has played the piano, composed music, and worked furiously on these demanding, large-scale landscape drawings. In the mid 1990s, following serious health complications that involved tremendous and extended use of his hands and arms in making art and music, Gladson changed gears. He adapted his skills to the contemporary art scene and experimented with combining his love of landscape, photography and the human figure. This resulted in a lyrical suite of digital prints.

Additionally, Gladson began a series of intense acrylic abstractions based upon his reaction to the powerful landscape of the Southwest. These often brilliantly colored paintings concentrate on the horizon, exploring the meeting of earth and sky.

Internationally exhibited and renowned for his impressionistic pastel portrayals of nature, Gladson's work appears in the permanent collections of the Oakland Museum, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and the Long Beach Museum of Art, as well as in many public and private collections. Among these are Neiman Marcus, AT&T, Toyota, Price Waterhouse, Warner Brothers, Architectural Firm of Welton Becket, and the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, in addition to brightening the atmosphere in U.S. hospitals from coast to coast.

Gladson now resides in Banning, California where he photographs, paints and draws, surrounded by the San Bernardino Mountains.

The El Camino College Art Gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays and from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Susanna Meiers at 310-660-3010. Admission to the El Camino College Art Gallery and gallery events is free. On-campus parking is \$2.

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