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El Camino College Art Gallery to Present “Michael Davis: No Place to Hide”

The El Camino College Art Gallery will present “Michael Davis/No Place to Hide” from October 6-30, with a reception scheduled from 7-9 p.m. October 9 and an artist's lecture at 1 p.m. October 14. The El Camino College Art Gallery is located on campus, 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance.

This exhibition provides a glimpse at native-born Angeleno Michael Davis' stunning creative output from the 1980s to present day. “No Place to Hide” includes sculptural and two-dimensional works that range from quizzical to didactic and from philosophic to apocalyptic. All bear the earmarks of precision, rigorous artistic scrutiny and elegance that are typical of the artist.

Davis came of age during the period of McCarthyism and the Cold War, when the “witch-hunt” for perceived Communists was at its height and the United States lived in a precarious state balanced between the threat of nuclear war and a slightly suffocating conventionality.

In the 1960s, Davis began his formal art education and simultaneously developed his overall adult perspective toward the galloping expansionism of Western capitalism. His mounting discomfort with narrow attitudes espoused toward alternate social and political ways of life found a locus in his artwork. Davis rapidly came to a minimalist esthetic and affinity with minimalist theory that he equates with political consciousness.

“Minimalism provoked us to rely on our own perception,” he said. “This applied to our conception of the relationship of an object to a particular space and greater still, how this perception was a springboard to ideas beyond the object and its immediate surroundings, and referred to the world at large. Minimalism asked us to consider how we see, how we think and how we react.”

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 curator Susanna Meiers at 310-660-3010. Admission to the El Camino College Art Gallery and gallery events is free. On-campus parking is \$3.

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