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***An Evolutionary Moment* at UF's University Galleries**

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Gainesville, Fla.— University Galleries of the University of Florida presents ***An Evolutionary Moment*** in University Gallery, Gary R. Libby Gallery, and Constance and Linton Grinter Gallery Sept. 4 through Oct. 26. The overall exhibition features selections from several bodies of work by renowned New York environmental and public artist Steven Siegel.

The opening reception for ***An Evolutionary Moment*** will take place in University Gallery on Friday, Sept. 7 from 7 - 9 p.m. The artist will give a lecture on his career Thursday, Sept. 6 at 6 p.m.

Siegel is a visual artist whose work has emulated the natural worlds for decades. His affinity for nature is most clearly seen in the fervor for the real, raw materials. His work process parallels the evolutionary reality of life and materials, inspired by the works of Darwin, and his contemporary Alfred Russell Wallace among other influences. There is much physicality and presence in the objects he builds. The projects in this exhibition grew without predetermined plan or design, but with overarching influences of geology and biology.

The selections from multiple bodies of work form a mini-retrospective of Siegel's career. The University Gallery will display ***35 Pieces***, a mixed media wall installation and film, and ***An Art Video***, which is the most recent activity based on project that blends knots and paint with thoughts, narration, actions and photographs—all timed to a particular piece of music: *Native Sense* by Chick Corea. A 25-foot section of the full 156-foot piece from Siegel's ***Biography*** (currently installed at Albany Airport in New York) will be on display in Gary R. Libby Gallery. Selections from ***Wonderful Life*** will be in Constance and Linton Grinter Gallery.

More works by Steven Siegel can be found on his website: <http://www.stevensiegel.net/>



About University Galleries

University Galleries is comprised of three art galleries that play an integral role in the teaching mission of the School of Art + Art History, College of the Arts at the University of Florida, as well as serving the entire UF and Gainesville community.

University Gallery (UG) UG's primary mission is to provide the greater Gainesville community with a contemporary venue that explores new directions in visual art, incorporating historical perspectives as well. UG collaborates with myriad UF colleges, community and regional entities in creating a trans-disciplinary venue for artwork that is relevant to education at UF, and the greater north-central Florida region. Exhibitions feature nationally/internationally known artists in the fall, a bi-annual studio art faculty exhibition, juried student art exhibition, and MFA graduating thesis project exhibitions in the spring.

Gary R. Libby Gallery presents art exhibitions that are organized by graduate student curators, in conjunction with the director of the galleries, providing an opportunity for students to learn experientially about curation, exhibition design, and presentation, and visitors to view professionally presented shows that primarily feature contemporary art.

Constance and Linton Grinter Gallery of International Art presents exhibitions organized by graduate student curators, in conjunction with the director of the galleries that feature international and multicultural artworks. This venue allows graduate students to learn experientially about curation and exhibition design, and visitors to experience art and artifacts from across world cultures.

Parking Information

Daytime parking is available in reserved spaces between Fine Arts Building C (FAC) and Inner Road. From SW 13th Street, enter campus on Museum Drive. Turn right on Newell Drive, then right on Inner Road. Turn left into the parking lot behind FAC. The first three spaces on the left are reserved for gallery use. Parking permits are issued to gallery visitors in the University Gallery.

For more information, please contact the University Gallery at (352) 273-3000 or visit our website at www.arts.ufl.edu/galleries.



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