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The Maude Kerns Art Center Presents Sarkis Antikajian: A Retrospective April 10 – May 15, 2009

The Maude Kerns Art Center is proud to present “Sarkis Antikajian: A Retrospective,” opening with a reception from 6 – 8 pm on Friday, April 10, and on view through May 15. The Title Sponsor for this exhibit is the Elliott Blank Family Foundation. Sarkis Antikajian is a well-known local artist, a prolific painter, and sought after teacher, whose work spans many decades. He is represented by the Lawrence Gallery (Sheridan, OR), the Mindpower Gallery (Reedsport, OR), and the Portland Art Museum Rental Sales Gallery.

The retrospective features landscapes, portraits and figurative work, still lifes, sculptures, and a number of rarely exhibited abstract pieces by this accomplished artist. Also of interest are works from Sarkis’ travels to Europe and the Middle East. His paintings are marked by vibrant color and an exuberant and sensual handling of materials. Candy Moffett, collector and former gallery owner, describes Sarkis in this way: “Sarkis is an extraordinarily gifted and versatile artist, equally facile in several genres from impressionism, expressionism, to nonobjective or abstract art. He is fluent in oil, watercolor, pastel, and in ink.... His work is treasured by other artists as well as art aficionados. Sarkis Antikajian teaches us all how to ‘see’ with new eyes.”

The Maude Kerns Art Center, located at 1910 E. 15th Avenue at the corner of 15th and Villard, is Eugene’s oldest non-profit community center for the visual arts. Gallery hours are from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm, Monday – Friday, and noon to 4:00 pm on Saturday when exhibits are on display. There is a \$3 requested donation. For more information, call 541-345-1571 or see the website at www.mkartcenter.org.

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