About the Exhibition

The Passaic County Cultural & Heritage Council at Passaic County Community College is pleased to present Stories in a Square, an exhibition of mixed media paintings on wood by New Jersey artist Mohamed Khalil. On display are 50 square-shaped paintings, exhibiting the vivid diversity of an artist so prolific, he earned the nickname “the art machine.” Stories in a Square is Khalil’s third exhibition at PCCC and features a large body of work that demonstrates the artist’s extraordinary creativity and his obsession with making art.
“I live and breathe art,” says Khalil who was born in Alexandria, Egypt and became an artist at an early age. He was fascinated with the shapes and designs of objects he found and began to create art from found materials, such as rocks, wood, metal, computer parts, or anything that caught his eye.

The artist continues to use found objects as important components in his colorful mixed-media paintings, prints, assemblages and sculptures. The various cultural themes in his artwork reflect his travels and experiences from living in other countries.

Mohamed Khalil studied graphic design, printmaking and art history at Alexandria University and the Egyptian Academy of Art in Rome. He has exhibited his art in Alexandria, Egypt; Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; Dubai; United Emirates; Rome; Paris and at various venues in New Jersey. In 2008, he was commissioned by Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. to create an ornament to represent the 8th Congressional District on the annual Christmas tree at the White House in Washington, D.C. Khalil is currently Assistant Curator at the Paterson Museum.

For additional information about this show or other exhibitions at PCCC, please contact Jane Haw, Gallery Curator, at (973) 684-5448 or visit our website at www.pccc.edu/art/gallery.

*Accessibility Information

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The PCCC Art Galleries are located at Passaic County Community College in the downtown historic district of Paterson and offer both changing exhibitions as well as exhibits of the permanent collection and contemporary art collection featuring 19th and 20th century paintings, prints, sculpture, and decorative arts.

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