

PCCC ART GALLERIES

STORIES FROM THE PAST: *Mixed Media Artworks by* *Mohamed Khalil*



Mohamed Khalil: Recycled Window (detail)
Ink, Collage, Mixed media

November 13, 2012 – January 10, 2013
Broadway & LRC Galleries

Broadway at Memorial Drive - Paterson, NJ

Mon- Fri 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Sat. 9:00 am – 5:00pm

Artist's Reception: November 15
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Exhibit & Reception Open to the Public
Admission Free *Accessibility Information Below

About the Exhibition and Artist

The Passaic County Cultural and Heritage Council at Passaic County Community College is pleased to present ***STORIES FROM THE PAST*** an exhibition of mixed media paintings and assemblages by New Jersey artist **Mohamed Khalil**.

This is the second exhibit at the PCCC Art Galleries by Khalil who has returned by popular demand. *Stories from the Past* features a body of work that demonstrates the artist's extraordinary creativity and his obsession with making art. "I live and breathe art," said Khalil, a prolific artist who has been described as an "art machine." *(continued)*

Born in Alexandria, Egypt, Khalil 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, please contact Jane Haw, Gallery Curator, at (973) 684-5448 or visit our website at www.pccc.edu/art/gallery.

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***Accessibility Information**

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Please contact (973) 684-6507 for availability.

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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