Call for Entries

Baroque Revival
January 8 – March 16, 2007

History

During the Seventeenth century France, Italy, Spain, and the Netherlands experienced a Golden Age in art which flourished in a variety of styles and subjects. Artists such as Gianlorenzo Bernini, Caravaggio, and Jusepe de Ribera painted naturalistic and dramatic images of the saints, Christ, and the Virgin Mary for the Catholic church that were instructive and moved the faithful to devotion following the recommendations of the Council of Trent. Others such as Juan de Valdèz-Leal, and Jan Vermeer created genre (daily life) and still-life paintings incorporating themes of morality and vanity with symbols from Emblem books. There were also scriptural works by Rembrandt; classical mythological paintings by the Annibale Carracci and Nicolas Poussin; romantic landscapes by Salvador Rosa and Jacob van Ruisdael; still-life oils by Jan Brueghel; and royal portraits by Diego de Velázquez and Anthony van Dyck. Later in the century Bacicchio, and Pietro da Cortona painted exuberant illusionistic ceilings to glorify their patrons.

Contemporary Art

Baroque art has been an inspiration for many contemporary artists. Several artists re-contextualized Baroque subjects including Audrey Flack’s Photorealist vanitas paintings, Pat Steir’s The Brueghel Series, and Cindy Sherman’s Caravagesque photographs. Others artists incorporate formal qualities from Baroque such as Frank Stella’s projecting relief sculptures, and David Reed’s use of theatrical lighting in non-objective works.

Proposal

Artists who wish to have their work considered should send five slides or a CD of existing work, or make a proposal for a new work, a resumé, an artist’s statement, and $15.00 ($5.00 for students with ID, payable to TCC Foundation) to: Gallery Coordinator, The Gallery at TCC, 6501 S. 19th St., Tacoma, WA 98466-6100. Delivery and pick-up of application materials and works selected for the show are the responsibility of the artist.

For more information, contact the gallery coordinator at 253.460.4306.