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Accompaniment

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“A Chronicle of Friendship”

On October 27, 2007, join us at the Mesquite Arts Center for this inaugural concert, “A Chronicle of Friendship.” The Children’s Chorus and Youth Chorus of Greater Dallas are important to Mesquite and the culture of an entire region. Their commitment to artistry of high standards, extraordinary singing and quite literally the communication of master teachers to over 300 voices is an amazing accomplishment.

There is a long history of accompaniment between CCGD and the Mesquite Arts Center. In 1996 the Mesquite Civic Chorus invited CCGD to sing the “*First Christmas*” here, at the Arts Center – and for many years after, CCGD performed concerts in this Concert Hall.

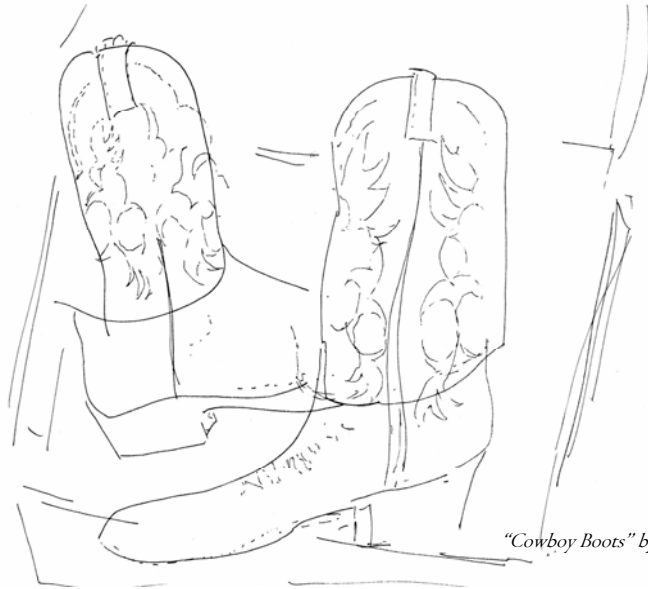
For this inaugural event we celebrate the music of Dede Duson and the vision of Jean Rogers Winchell. Ms. Winchell writes: *Because of my great love for classical music, much of which was imparted by my dear friend, Dede Duson, musician and composer, and in gratitude for the great joy it has brought to my life, I am creating, through the Mesquite Arts Council, a special endowment to be known as “The Dede Duson Music Endowment.” This will provide funding to underwrite musical concerts and other musical events which shall include, upon occasion, choral and other works composed and/or arranged by Dede Duson.*

On behalf of the Mesquite Arts Council Board of Directors, the City of Mesquite and the staff at the Mesquite Arts Center it is with gratitude that we applaud the Children’s and Youth Chorus of Greater Dallas, The Dede Duson Music Endowment, Jean Rogers Winchell and all who attend the inaugural concert. The concert is free although reservations are required. Please call 972-216-6444 for information and reservations.



“The State of Texas”

“Drawing is the most honest form of visual communication, held within the lines are thoughts, feelings and experiences that could never be captured by using a photograph.” Rob Pepper 2007



“Cowboy Boots” by Rob Pepper

A collection of London artist **Rob Pepper’s** artworks, based on a series of his drawings of Texas over the past 2 years, will be exhibited at the Mesquite Arts Center Main Gallery from October 1 to 31, 2007. A reception for the artist will be held on October 6, 2007 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Mesquite Arts Center Main Gallery. The public is invited.

The State Of Texas features spectacular large-scale paintings and a collection of limited-edition lithographs, gold-sealed with his Texan emblem alongside his original drawings.

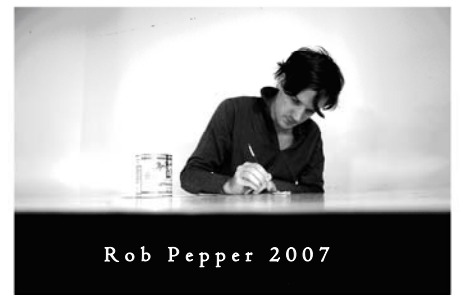
The cornerstone of much of **Pepper’s** work is the technique that he has termed **“Conscious Reflex Drawing”**, which involves not looking at the paper or his working hand, in an effort to create images that are truly reflective of a given moment, without the revision of the critical eye. ‘The process liberates the artwork from the visual critique and constant editing that accompany traditional ‘seen’ drawings,’ he says

The artist has exhibited his inspired drawings and observations in *London, New York, Paris* and *Melbourne*, and his work is held in private and public-sector collections worldwide. He arrives in Texas after 2 sell-out summer solo shows in his home city and has recently completed a majestic 40 panel ceiling of a church in North London.

Alongside *The State Of Texas* exhibition is the *Texan Compendium* a signed, hand finished artist’s book in a limited edition of 200 that contains all of the artist’s drawings from Texas and documents his experiences of the Lone Star State.

The State of Texas Exhibition will be traveling to Houston and on to Austin in late 2007. To find out more about Rob Pepper’s art, visit www.robpepper.co.uk or view his daily drawings at www.dailydrawingdiary.com.

The exhibit at the Mesquite Arts Center is funded in part by the Mesquite Arts Council and First State Bank. The Dallas Morning News is a media partner with additional support provided by WRR 101.1, KERA 90.1 and KEOM 88.5.



Are you ready for Art @ Lunch?

After a brief hiatus, Art@Lunch is back with a monthly program that includes visits to well known institutions and a few one-of-a-kind trips. The popular series at the Mesquite Arts Center provides distinctive customer service and the opportunity for patrons to visit area museums, arts centers and local galleries, all for a bargain.

Beginning with October 12th at Flag Pole Hill on White Rock Lake — *A Refugee Camp in the Heart of the City* — is an interactive exhibit “created to give a sense of what it’s like to be a refugee or internally displaced person.” Art@Lunch participants will be led through 8,000 square feet of exhibit space by experienced **Doctors Without Borders** aid workers who act as tour guides explaining the crucial elements for survival in a refugee crisis. Visitors will have a chance to read the stories about the individual experiences of refugees from Chad, Chechnya, Colombia, Iraq, southern Sudan, and Thailand. The exhibit also showcases photographs by world-renowned photojournalists including Jean-Marc Giboux, Tyler Hicks, Sebastiao Salgado, Tom Stoddart, and Sven Torfinn.

The tour is Friday, October 12th and we depart the Mesquite Arts Center at 11:30 am and will return by 1:15 pm. Cost is \$20 and includes transportation, admission fees, and lunch. For reservations call the Mesquite Arts Council 972-216-6444

Looking ahead, be sure to reserve your space for the following trips — all are \$20 and include transportation, admission fees and lunch.

November 9th *Dallas Museum of Art: Lone Star Legacy*

January 11th *Rachofsky House*

February 15th *Old Red Museum*

March 21 *Wilson Block Walking Tour*

April 18th *Dallas Contemporary*

On October 13th join the **Mesquite Symphony Orchestra** in concert with *MSO POPS! From Stage to Screen* featuring music from *Wicked*, *Wizard of Oz*, *The Wiz*, *The Jazz Singer* and *Oklahoma*. Call 972-216-8127 for tickets and more information. Tickets are \$8 to \$12 and available at the door.

And from October 26th through November 4th the **Mesquite Community Theater** produces Washington Irving's classic tale of the headless horseman and things that go "BOO" in the night, “*The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*.”

Halloween comes alive with music and dance in the Black Box Theatre at the Mesquite Arts Center. Call 972-216-8126 for show times and reservations. Tickets are \$6 to \$10 with discounts for senior citizens and students.



Become a Member

Joining the **Mesquite Arts Council** allows you the opportunity to know what's going on at the Mesquite Arts Center through convenient mailings. With your membership, you will, receive ten times a year the Arts Council's *Accompaniment*, **postcard reminders** of important events, and **invitations** to receptions, exhibits, Art@Lunch reminders and children's theater/concert performances. By becoming a member, you will receive an invitation to the **26th year Anniversary Celebration on December 7, 2007**.

Send your check to the Mesquite Arts Council at the Mesquite Arts Center - 1527 N. Galloway, Mesquite, TX 75149 or call (972)216-6444 if you require additional information.

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Courtyard COLORS

OCTOBER

- 1-31 "The State of Texas" by Rob Pepper is exhibited in the Main Gallery
- 2 Mesquite Arts Council Board meeting 11:30a
- 6 Reception for artist Rob Pepper 4:30p
- 8 Monthly Paint-In begins at 10a
- 13 MSO POPS! Concert begins at 7:30p. Call 972-216-8127 for tickets
- 27 Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas in concert at 7:30p – free, reservations required by calling 972-216-6444
- 27 "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow is presented by MCT. Call 972-216-8126 for information.

NOVEMBER

- 3 "Holiday Hues" is exhibited in the Main Gallery by Texas Area Artists
- 9 Art@Lunch tours the Dallas Museum of Art "Lone Star Legacy. Call 972-216-6444 for information