



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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### MIKE CANTWELL ART EXHIBITION



RESTON, VA – Enjoy the work of local artist Mike Cantwell through July 28, 2008 in the Jo Ann Rose Gallery, Reston Community Center Lake Anne.

Cantwell's current exhibit features neo-abstract paintings on canvas layered with heavy impasto to create a dynamic three-dimensional surface. Subject inspiration shifts from the figure to landscape, from microbes to atomic strings. Some influences: Manet, Degas, Van Gogh, Schiele, Matisse, Pollock, Diebenkorn, Pousette-D'Art, de Kooning, and Richter.

His work has been exhibited at Catholic University (Washington DC), Adler Gallery (Baltimore) and Montgomery College (Rockville). Other recent exhibits include a two man show "THICK" with Baltimore artist Pat O'Brien, and Painters and Poets International: "The UK meets The USA" simultaneous exhibits in the USA and in England. He was the coordinator of the US artists and Sam Hurst was the coordinator of the US poets.

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Mike Cantwell was born in Columbus, Ohio and started drawing at the age of three; he earned his BFA in studio art from the University of Notre Dame, winning the Jacques Gold Medal of Fine Art. He was awarded a Graduate Teaching Assistantship at University of South Florida, where he earned an MFA in Painting. Currently, he is a Professor of Art and Program Coordinator for Computer Art & Animation at Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland. He is also the corporate artist for Hard Times Cafe, creating illustrations, designs and wall murals. He is an active painter who has shown his work and won awards in regional juried and invitational exhibitions including: Washington Project for the Arts, Rockville Arts Place, the Corcoran Museum of Art, McLean Project for the Arts, Arlington Art Center, Greater Reston Arts Center and Anton Gallery.

The Jo Ann Rose Gallery is located in the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne at 1609-A Washington Plaza in Reston, Virginia. The facility is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sundays. The Gallery is not open to the public during rental functions and/or some programs. For further information, please call Gloria Morrow at 703-476-4500 X 3000.

#### About the Reston Community Center

Each year RCC offers more than 1,800 positive, self-development experiences that enhance the quality of life for all people living and working in Reston. RCC provides a wide range of programs in arts, aquatics, enrichment and life-long learning. We also create and sustain community traditions through special events, outreach activities and facility rentals. To find the programs or events that are right for you, visit [www.restoncommunitycenter.org](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.org) or call 703.476.4500.

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