



Erie Art Museum

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***Nocturnal Emissions* by Alison Stinely**

May 5, 2016, Erie, Pennsylvania – The Erie Art Museum is pleased to present a new *Ronald E. Holstein* Gallery exhibition, *Nocturnal Emissions* by Alison Stinely. The show will run from May 14 – September 17, 2016.

An opening reception will be held on Gallery Night, Friday, May 20, 2016 from 7 to 10 p.m. Alison will present a artist talk on that night at 7:30 pm.

Alison Stinely's sculptural paintings are investigations into personal guiding mythologies introduced to her as a child—myths that continuously grow and warp as time passes. Traditional symbolism mixes with private imagery to illustrate belief systems ranging from religious orthodoxies to superstition to cultural ideals of femininity. Formal decisions, such as the distortion of anatomical structures and a purposefully saccharine palette, derive from historical painting, illustrating narratives pulled from religious stories spanning many cultures and epochs.

Although the works are rather traditionally structured figurative paintings, they suggest a lurid and violent nature. Stinely's studio practice combines many processes, including diorama construction, sculpting, digital imaging and observational painting techniques. The scale of the painted figure is typically larger than life-size, the palette is highly saturated, and the rectangle of the frame is repeatedly violated. The sculptural elements allow the painted narrative to spill into the space of the viewer, reinforcing the intrusive content of the paintings.

Stinely was born and raised in Erie, Pennsylvania. She received her BFA in Painting from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and her MFA in Painting from Indiana University.

She is currently an instructor of Painting, Drawing, and Foundations at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, but is departing later this year to become Assistant Professor of Painting at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA. Stinely's work has been shown in juried and invitational exhibits both regionally and nationally. She has also been the recipient of many awards and honors and is a two-time winner of the prestigious Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation Grant.

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Image Detail:

Nocturnal Emissions (detail/install) - Oil on Panel / Polyurethane Foam, Epoxy Resin, Latex Enamel, 55x78x18", 2015

Rib Meat (detail) - Oil on Panel / Polyurethane Foam, Epoxy Resin, Latex Enamel, 61x78x24", 2015

Rib Meat (detail 2) - Oil on Panel / Polyurethane Foam, Epoxy Resin, Latex Enamel, 61x78x24", 2015

Slayed - Oil on Panel / Polyurethane Foam, Fiberglass, Epoxy Resin, Papercraft, Latex Enamel, 40x52x12", 2015

At Night They Search for What to Fear - Oil on Panel / Polyurethane Foam, Epoxy Resin, Latex Enamel, 60x78x22", 2015

About the Erie Art Museum

The Erie Art Museum anchors downtown Erie's cultural and economic revitalization, occupying a group of restored mid-19th century commercial buildings and a modern, 'Green,' 10,500 square foot expansion. The newly expanded Museum marks the first LEED-certified building in the region, soon to be complete with a planted rooftop.

The Museum maintains an ambitious program of changing exhibitions annually, embracing a wide range of subjects, both historical and contemporary and including folk art, contemporary craft, multi-disciplinary installations, community-based work, as well as traditional media.

The Erie Art Museum also holds a collection of over 8,000 objects, which includes significant works in American ceramics, Tibetan painting, Indian bronzes, contemporary baskets, and a variety of other categories.

The Museum offers a wide range of education programs and artists' services including interdisciplinary and interactive school tours and a wide variety of classes for the community. Performing arts are showcased in the 25-year-old Contemporary Music Series, which represents national and international performers of serious music with an emphasis on composer/performers, and a popular annual two-day Blues & Jazz Festival.

The Erie Art Museum, café, and gift shop is open Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. For additional visitor information, visit online at www.erieartmuseum.org or call 814-459-5477.

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