



# Erie Art Museum

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

November 4, 2016, Erie, Pennsylvania – The Erie Art Museum is pleased to present a new Main Gallery exhibition, *Sergei Isupov: Hidden Messages*. The show will run from December 2, 2016 through April 2, 2017.

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will host an artist workshop and lecture on December 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Detailed workshop agenda below). There will also be an opening reception during the December 2<sup>nd</sup> Gallery Night from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Erie Art Museum, and an artist talk in the Special Events Room, starting at 7 p.m. Gallery night, the lecture, and workshop are free and open to the public.

Sergei Isupov's glazed porcelain sculptures impress the viewer with their oversized scale, remarkable craftsmanship, and original sense of form, before one even begins to absorb the work's content. Exquisitely painted with Isupov's peculiar and fascinating imagery, the work is created with traditional slab-building techniques, pushing ceramic material to its limits. The Russian-born artist (b. 1963), trained in Ukraine and Estonia, exhibits new work, some in his largest scale to date, accompanied by painted environmental installation components that support, surround, and provide a framework for the sculptures.

By morphing together humans and animals, creating dimensionally illusionistic works, and embedding secret scenes within them, Isupov creates multilayered artworks that challenge viewers' perception of reality. Isupov speaks to this ambiguity, stating "I'm not sure if I create them, perhaps they create me." Each work has layers of mystery, and as one is solved, another appears, challenging the viewer to interpret the multiple messages within.

Images available at this link:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BxujzczjBP4eRGZHcnFkNTM3dmc>

## **Artist Workshop & Lecture at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania**

December 1, 2016

Free, open to the public

9 – 11:30 a.m. Sculpture demonstration in East Hall

1 – 1:45 p.m. Artist lecture in the Frank G. Pogue Student Center, room #303B

2 – 5 p.m. Continued demonstration in East Hall

Attendees may choose to eat on campus at the student cafeteria in Van Houten Dining Hall, “Wow” cafeteria in the Pogue Student Center, or the Coffee/bagel shop in the Pogue Student Center

**Parking:** Visitors should obtain a parking pass if parking on campus. A Temporary Parking Permit may be obtained free-of-charge by simply stopping at the University Police Department located at 911 Scotland Road (near 6N) with your driver’s license and vehicle registration card.

If you are traveling long distance to attend this workshop, you may contact Lee Rexrode at ([lraxrode@edinboro.edu](mailto:lraxrode@edinboro.edu)) to confirm that we did not incur any unforeseen schedule changes or weather delays.

### **About the Erie Art Museum**

The Erie Art Museum anchors downtown Erie’s cultural and economic revitalization, occupying a group of restored mid-19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.erieartmuseum.org) or call 814-459-5477.

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