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CORNISH COLLEGE OF THE ARTS PRESENTS STEVE JENSEN: VOYAGER

Exhibition: November 1 – 30, 2007

Opening Reception: Thursday, November 1, 5 – 8 pm

SEATTLE, WA - Cornish College of the Arts presents VOYAGER, a collection of paintings, wall carvings and funeral boats created by Seattle sculptor and Cornish alumnus, Steve Jensen. In partnership with the college, Jensen has selected works from this exhibit to be available for purchase with all proceeds benefitting the Cornish Scholarship Fund.

Like the celebratory funerals performed by the Vikings, Jensen's work confronts the idea of death, asking the viewer to do the same. By including real objects such as the ashes of his dog (in Pablo), the bullets from the gun that killed his father (Norman), and the cast of his mother's face (Pat), he brings the viewer uncomfortably close to the subject but in a way that somehow remains gentle. The result is an intimate portrait of an artist's life through those he loved.

- Excerpted from *Contemporary Warriors and Viking Ships*, by Cornish Exhibitions Curator Jess Van Nostrand

A note from the artist: "When I work with [human or animal ashes] I feel transformed to another place or another time where an artist was asked to be both craftsman and mortician...Death is the one final thing we all have in common and the universal image of the boat in many cultures and civilizations, symbolizes a passage or voyage, perhaps to the other side."

Steve Jensen: VOYAGER

Cornish Main Gallery
First Floor, Cornish College of the Arts
Main Campus Center
1000 Lenora Street
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Cornish Main Gallery hours are Tuesday – Friday, 12 – 5 pm.
Weekends and evenings by appointment only (206) 726-5142.
Exhibitions Curator: Jess Van Nostrand

For additional information on the Cornish College of the Arts Fall Events Calendar, or to request images please contact Meike Kaan or Beth Fleenor at Cornish or visit www.cornish.edu.

About Cornish College of the Arts

Cornish College of the Arts, founded by Nellie Cornish in 1914, provides aspiring artists with the educational opportunities to become professionals in their fields. The College offers Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in Art, Dance, Design, Performance Production and Theater, and a Bachelor of Music degree. It is one of three private colleges in the United States focusing on both the performing and visual arts, and the only college of its kind in the Northwest. The College is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

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