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**Pursuits: Selections from Cornish College's Mary Alice Cooley Print Collection**

March 16 - April 17, 2005

Opening Reception: Friday, March 18, 6-8 pm

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Seattle Center's Harrison Street Gallery

Seattle Center House, Third Floor (just up the grand staircase from the food court)

305 Harrison Street, Seattle

Gallery Hours: 10 am-6pm, daily

Free and open to the public.

Information: 206.726.5011

Seattle, WA – Cornish College of the Arts is pleased to present *Pursuits: Selections from Cornish College's Mary Alice Cooley Print Collection*, exhibited in conjunction with Seattle Center's Whirligig! Festival, an annual festival for kids. Curated by printmaking alumna Dawn Cerny, *Pursuits* takes a playful look at hobbies, habits, and history with a nod to Whirligig's carnival world of inflatable slides, costumes, and face painting. *Pursuits* is on view in the Seattle Center's Harrison Street Gallery, March 16 - April 17, with an opening reception on Friday, March 18, from 6-8pm.

Featuring selections from the extensive Mary Alice Cooley Print Collection, this exhibit reveals the quality and diversity of work produced by Cornish College Art Department alumni from the past 15 years. Participating artists include: R. Eugene Parnell, Dennis Raines, Evy Halvorsen, David Rumley, Dawn Cerny, William Corr, Molly Curtis, Todd Priebe, Jessica Grilihas, and Ria Brodell.

Curator Dawn Cerny, a recent winner of the Artist Trust/Washington State Arts Commission Fellowship, shows frequently in Seattle. She graduated from Cornish College of the Arts with a BFA in Art in 1999.

Image: Jessica Grilihas, Art 2004, 2002, Woodcut

*Images available upon request.*

*Please note: the exhibition dates have been changed from those that appeared in our Spring Calendar of events.*

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## ABOUT CORNISH COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

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Cornish College of the Arts is the premier, accredited arts college in the Northwest, inspiring the highest standards of artistic and academic excellence. Founded in 1914 by Nellie Cornish, Cornish College is the only private, accredited college in the region offering baccalaureate degrees in visual and performing arts. Cornish College offers a Bachelor of Music and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in art, dance, design, theater and performance production. Cornish College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

Over the years, Cornish has hosted a parade of important artists in the roles of students, teachers or as visiting artists-in-residence, including John Cage, Merce Cunningham, Martha Graham, Ping Chong, Kenny Werner, Obo Addy, Mark Morris, Meredith Monk, Rinde Eckert, Bebe Miller, Ruth St. Denis, Ted Shawn, Robin Holcomb, Chet Huntley, Syvilla Fort, Ralph Towner, Thornton Wilder, Lou Harrison, Bill Frisell, Morris Graves, Jane Ira Bloom, Kraig Patterson, Musicians Accord, Bun Ching Lam, Brendan Fraser, Myra Melford, Sharon Isbin, Joanne Brackeen, Oliver Lake, California Ear Unit, Colorado Quartet, and Gary Peacock, among others.

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