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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University's School of Art will present local artist and printmaker Jonathan Higgins in the Wakeley Gallery, and painters Erik Weisenburger and Kathleen Waterloo in the Merwin Gallery. Both galleries are located in the Joyce Eichhorn Ames School of Art (6 Ames Plaza West, Bloomington). The exhibitions, which are free and open to the public, begin on Tuesday, Nov. 8 and run through Thursday, Dec. 8.

There will be an artists' talk by Higgins and Waterloo on Nov. 8 from 4-5 p.m. and an opening reception from 5-6 p.m. in the galleries. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 12-4 p.m., Tuesday evening 7-9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m.

The galleries will be closed Thanksgiving break (Nov. 23-27) and on December 1 in observance of *A Day Without Art*, reminding people of the fight against AIDS and the many people of the art community who have died from the disease.

In the Wakeley Gallery, Higgins will present *Manneken Press at 5 Years*, a printmaking exhibit, featuring his work and that of six other artists: Rupert Deese, Betty Friedman, Ted Kincaid, Claire Lieberman, Jane McNichol, and Sarah Smelser. Higgins is the Master Printer at Manneken Press, a local Bloomington art gallery, which he co-founded.

Weisenburger's solo exhibit in the Merwin Gallery, titled *Gardens, Ghosts and Graves*, will feature over 25 of his paintings spanning a 10-year period. Critics have said that Weisenburger's paintings "enchant the eye" and are inspired by "historical figures, current events, myth, fables, and wildlife." His work has been displayed widely in the Midwest.

Waterloo will have a solo show called *Urban Landscapes* featuring her encaustic paintings, also shown in the Merwin Gallery. Waterloo, who has been displayed across the U.S., specializes in encaustic paintings, a type of painting technique that originated in Greece, where paint is mixed with beeswax. Critics have described her work as "textured" and "abstract."

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