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The Museum of Art and History @ the McPherson Center Presents:
Ron Milhoan: No Place to Hide
March 26 – July 17, 2011

Santa Cruz artist Ron Milhoan exhibits a series of large scale acrylic on canvas paintings in this exhibition, which explores his feelings on identity of place and his realization that “no matter where you go, there you are.” This body of work emerged with his growing interest in discerning how much of his formative years are reflected in his art.

“My drawings are a direct representation of where I am at the time. I carry a sketchbook most days and enjoy the immediacy. My paintings come out of this same process. I use color to express luminosity, and abstract patterns to camouflage the narrative. This ambiguity creates the mystery. When creating my constructions I start working with recycled materials from my own paintings and drawings and from randomly collected objects, both natural and manmade. When juxtaposition occurs and an image and narrative appear, I continue to work until it has meaning from fragmented memories. I find the process of making the constructions more tangible and playful, freeing me. By eliminating preconceived ideas, it opens the possibilities of new discovery.”

Ron Milhoan’s ancestral home is Nebraska, but for many years he has chosen to make his life in California. Since 1984, Milhoan has been teaching Painting and Drawing at Cabrillo College in Aptos, California. He traveled extensively in Europe and the United States on two sabbatical research leaves, studying the history and culture of art from cave paintings in France to contemporary art. Ron’s work has been exhibited nationally, and he is a recipient of an NEA Painting Fellowship and a Santa Cruz County Distinguished Artist Award.

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WHAT: *Ron Milhoan: No Place to Hide*

WHERE: Museum of Art and History @ the McPherson Center
705 Front Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

WHEN: March 26- July 17, 2011

COST: \$5 general; \$3 students 18+ and seniors 62+; \$2 Students 12-17;
free to Museum members, Children under 12; FREE the First
Friday of the month

HOURS: Tuesday - Sunday 11am - 5pm

INFO: Call the Museum at (831) 429-1964
On the web at: www.santacruzmah.org

Image Captions:

Left: Ron Milhoan, *January*, acrylic on canvas, courtesy of the artist.

Right: Ron Milhoan, *Little Angels*, acrylic on canvas, courtesy of the artist.

*Digital images from this exhibit are available upon request, call (831) 429-1964 ext. 21,
or email membership@santacruzmah.org.*

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