

Local artist returns to Florence for juried show



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In 1989, Bloomfield Hills artist Corinne Silver Ragheb worked near Michelangelo's Medici Chapel and masterpieces by Fra Angelico. She was attending the summer session at Studio Art Centers International in

Florence. Last month, Ragheb returned to Florence for "Venti anni a Firenze (20 Years in Florence)," SACI's 20th anniversary school show. She was among 61 SACI alumni from around the world — and the only one from Michigan — taking part in the juried invitation.

"It was wonderful, it was exciting," Ragheb said from her Pontiac studio. "Every building (in Florence) has so much history and beauty. It was nice to be part of that."

Ragheb had been in shows in foreign countries (Japan and Brazil) before, but this was the first time she was present for the opening of one such exhibit. The SACI display ran June 12-27.

Ragheb's work in the SACI show was a 1990 etching/aquaint called "Devil's Card Game." It was based on a folk tale from the Canadian Maritimes. The work shows players around an angled card table. Three of them are leaping in fright, chairs and knit

cap flying. The fourth player sits smugly, wearing a "city slicker" suit, holding several cards bearing aces. It's a humorous, and at the same time slightly chilling, piece.

During the six-week session in 1989, Ragheb lived with a widow. The two women found that they had a mutual birthday, and kept in touch.

"It was a wonderful experience. It was just like you're (filled) with centuries of the history of art."

SACI alumni in the show came from all over the United States and many different countries, including Brazil, Finland, Switzerland, England, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Mexico, Belgium, Portugal, Australia, France and Canada.

The booklet for the exhibit featured comments from dignitaries, among them Mary Ann Beckin-

sale, art historian and academic dean at SACI. Beckinsale quoted some of the featured artists in her remarks; Ragheb was one of them. "My belief that art is a language for the ages was reinforced by that very special time in Florence," Ragheb said in the booklet. "It bridged the lengthy gap between undergraduate and graduate experience. It re-evaluated my skills amongst my peers and gave me the impetus to move forward."

"It suffused me with a desire to return."

More than 3,000 students have attended SACI in its 20 years of existence. The school was founded to create a complete program in Florence for students seeking excellence in studio art and liberal arts instruction at the U.S. university level. It offers five different programs of study.

Speaking of Italy

The Bellan Art Center, 5980 Rochester Road at the corner of Square Lake Road in Troy, presents a photographic survey of Italy by Michigan artists. A panel discussion with the artists will take place 8 p.m. Friday, July 21.

The exhibit, "Vladimir — Luoghi e Centri," continues to July 23. Curated by Sergio DeGiusti, the show features works by Dirk Bakker, Howard Bohd, Norman Carver Jr., Bernard Goldman, Balhazar Korab, Marco Lorenzetti, Tim Thayer and DeGiusti, and a tribute to Tony Spina. Call (810) 828-1001.

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PICTURE PERFECT

Three prints by Michael Jonas of Birmingham have been accepted into the general collection of the 104th International Exposition

tion of Professional Photography.

Jonas' work will be on display at the Rosemont Convention Center in Chicago July 30 to Aug. 1, in conjunction with the International convention of Professional Photographers of America Inc., "Twilight Romance," "Have I Told You I Love You?" and "Father Ingalls" by Jonas and more than 2,500 other photographic works constitute the world's largest annual exhibit of professional photography gathered simultaneously under one roof.

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Registration: \$10 by mail (postmarked by July 17), \$15 in person (postmarked by August 4), \$18 thereafter and on race day (17:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.). Please register early.

Handicap Run starts at 9:00 a.m. Fun Walk starts at 9:00 a.m. Only the top 500 finishers will be officially timed. You must leave for your time as you cross the finish line. Time will be displayed on a large digital clock at the finish.

Age Subdivisions: Participants receive free admission to the Detroit Zoo until 11:30 a.m. race day. You must present your race ticket for admission. Bring your family. Additional discounted adult tickets may be purchased in advance at the reduced rate of \$10. Children 12 years and under receive free admission until 11:30 a.m. race day. Courtesy of Michigan Coalition on Donations.

Awards: Awards will be presented to the 5K run to top five male and female overall finishers. Awards will also be presented to the 5K top 5 male and female finishers in each age group: <15 years, 16-19 years, 20-29 years, 30-39 years, 40-49 years, 50-59 years, 60 years and over. All participants will receive a commemorative legal pin.

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☐ \$13 entry fee by August 4

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☐ I would like additional discounted adult admission tickets @ \$5.00/ea.

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