

FROELICK GALLERY

For immediate release:

Solo Exhibit:

Kris Hargis

A Michigan Winter

July 18th – August 25th, 2018

First Thursday: August 2, 5pm – 8:00pm

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Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 10:30 to 5:30pm

Exhibition tour and discussion with the artist: Saturday, August 11, 2pm



Kris Hargis returns to Froelick Gallery with a new exhibition of drawings: ***A Michigan Winter***. True to the title, Hargis executed the majority of these works during a ten-week artist residency at Albion College in Michigan in early 2018. Indoors by inclination and necessity, he turned to his most frequent, always-present subject- the self-portrait.

Continuing his recent work in chalk pastel and a variety of other drawing media, Hargis here combines broad swaths of soft color with the expressive, spare linework and dynamic erasures that have characterized much of his drawing. Light blue eyes- sometimes clear and stoic, sometimes seeming to well with emotion- gaze out from the paper. Arms stretch, truncated where the page ends or blurred in the motion of applying material to surface. Hargis's works invite us, without pretense, in to his private interior world, and in reaching toward a truer understanding of himself he never fails to connect and disarm.

Kris received his MFA from Boise State University in 2016 and his BFA from the University of Kansas in 1998. A solo exhibit in conjunction with his Albion College residency was recently on view at the Bobbit Monroe Gallery, MI. He completed a two week residency and performance at the Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC in 2014. His work has been previously exhibited in He has also been featured in numerous group exhibits throughout the Pacific Northwest, including *Curiously Alighted: Contemporary Drawing Practices* at Sheehan Gallery, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA and *drawing(s) 40+ artists/200 works: A 25th anniversary exhibition*, Art Gym, Marylhurst University, Marylhurst, OR.

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