

## RIVER Campus to host Chroma Exploda

CHROMA EXPLODA WILL FEATURE ARTISTS FROM CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS

### Art display at River Campus will display abstract art

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The name of the upcoming event Chroma Exploda is derived from the Greek word chromatic, which means color, and a spiced up version of the word explosion.

"I was trying to think of a catchy title," professor of art Justin Henry Miller said. "I wanted something with color in it, so chroma or chromatic was our word for color. I just wanted something to sort of roll off the tongue and rhyme with chroma. So rather than 'chromatic explosion' or something like that, I just went with exploda to kind of rhyme with chroma. Coming up with a title for a show is actually a little harder than one might think. It was the best I could come up with at a short notice."

Chroma Exploda is an art exhibit being hosted at Southeast Missouri State University's River Campus that will feature abstract, colorful pieces. The event, proposed by Miller, is a bright exhibit that features many colors.

"If you come over to see the show it will make more sense," gallery coordinator Kristin Nowlin said. "Some of the colors are really in your face."

Chroma Exploda, which is partially



"Last Resort" by Renee Robbins will be featured at the exhibit. Submitted Photo

supported by a grant from the Missouri Arts Council, will feature 35 paintings from five different artists. The artists featured in the exhibit are Molly Briggs, Chris Kahler, Martina Nehrling and Renee Robbins from the Chicago, Ill., area, and Jackie Tileston from St. Louis.

"When you're trying to put a show together, especially a group show, you're sort of trying to look for a theme," Miller said. "One of the things I thought would be fun to do would be a theme of color. That's why the show is called Chroma Exploda. You can imagine lots of bright, vibrant colors. I sought out some of the artists that I've dealt with where color is a very important aspect of their work."

The featured works don't seem to follow any type of pattern or formula, and the artists' styles vary.

"I specifically chose five artists, like Molly Briggs for example. Her stuff has some landscape elements and things that are pretty recognizable," Miller said. "Then you move to some other artists, there's things that are abstract but definitely

remind you of things from botany or biology. Then you end with some artists that their stuff looks very abstract, like it's almost non-objective."

Miller said that he mainly wanted to show art that most people in the Southeast Missouri area may not get to see on a regular basis.

"I myself had a rural upbringing," Miller said. "I just didn't have the opportunity to be exposed to some contemporary, abstract painting, so that was kind of my goal. I wanted it to be something that is very indicative of what's going on in contemporary art and expose both students and the community to some art they may otherwise not get the opportunity to see."

Chroma Exploda will be open from 1-5 p.m. on Monday through Friday and from 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The exhibit will open on Sept. 6 and remain on display until Sept. 26 at the River Campus Art Gallery. Briggs and Robbins will also be at the exhibit on Sept. 6 to talk about the paintings from 4-5 p.m., and a reception will follow from 5-7 p.m.

### SAC app available

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The Student Advisory Council at Southeast Missouri State University is now offering a free SEMOSAC app.

SAC is an organization that plans and hosts a variety of different activities and events for students on campus. Most activities are free.

"The SEMOSAC app allows you to see everything SAC in one place," social media director Trevor Mulholland said.

The app features information about SAC events and also links to its Facebook, Twitter and Wordpress pages. Students can contact the council with questions or for more information on the app by filling out an in-app contact form.

SAC members found that students are interacting with their college organizations online now more than ever.

"Some SAC members were at a conference last spring, and we noticed that a lot of the other schools there were advertising their new apps," Mulholland said. "After doing our research, we polled the SAC members and decided that it was worth putting some of our resources into."

Members are excited about the newly added feature the app includes that will allow students to upload pictures they take at SAC events directly to the app.

"We're really excited for the new feature," Mulholland said. "We will review these pictures and they may be used in the future Student Activities Council advertisements."

Students with the app will be able to receive notifications about upcoming events.

"My personal favorite part about the app is that it allows SAC to send push notifications to all of the users' phones," Mulholland said. "If something changes at the last minute, or we find something important that we need to send out, it just takes a few clicks and it goes straight to all of the SEMOSAC app users."

The app is available in both Google Play and Apple stores. Students with the app will also be able to enter contests throughout the semester, only available through the app, to win special prizes.