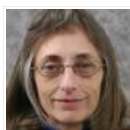




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Artists work together to create 'Errant Line'

Internationally recognized artists Ann Hamilton and Cynthia Schira are returning to Lawrence to create large-scale, collaborative installations at the Spencer Museum of Art, according to a news release.

"An Errant Line" can be viewed March 2 through Aug. 11.

The title of the exhibition refers to a weaving technique in which the thread that has been winding over and under taut fibers is suddenly pulled free, allowed to float on the surface of the textile.

On the surface, it makes an independent line or pattern, which is tied to but not dependent upon the woven structure from which it has emerged.

To create the new exhibition, Hamilton and Schira responded to objects in the museum's collection and distinctive features of its architecture. Schira, who is interested in notation systems, incorporates lines of writing into an enormous field of code on a large, computer-woven Jacquard cloth. Hamilton uses large digital prints on Japanese Gampi paper and cloth to render miniature objects gigantic.

Collaborating with current KU students, the artists also honor their former relationship as student and teacher at the University of Kansas, where Hamilton studied fiber arts in the late 1970s under Schira.

The artists' use of objects in the collection also brings new life to them, according to the news release. For example, Hamilton's prints fill the museum's Central Court alongside the rarely seen 18th-century Italian Presepio figures. The museum's famed Bechstein piano, played by Franz Lizst in 1886, also will be featured, as will found texts about cloth and clothing.

The public is invited to join the artists for a conversation with visiting lecturer Joan Simon from 6 to 6:45 p.m. March 2. A reception will follow.

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