How Mike McCullough Made Callier History

Half the collection will enter the University this year, and the rest will follow in future years. The interactive presentation, which Davidow curated, includes a descriptive label and thought-provoking questions for each piece. The presentations will give viewers the opportunity to “think more deeply and reflect on what the art says—visually, intellectually and emotionally,” she explains.

Joan, who became a successful career 30 years ago, says she began the pursuit because she “wanted to live with art that says something new about what it’s like to live in the 20th- and now 21st-century.”

“Contemporary art addresses the life we’re living right now, and it’s very satisfying and exciting to be able to share it with new generations of UT Dallas students and faculty, for whom a great deal of affection and respect,” she said. “These works deserve to live and be seen, and I hope they will inspire and educate those who have the chance to experience the collection.”

Among the pieces included in the presentation is a 20-foot painting by Joan’s mentor, acclaimed artist Hiram Williams. Williams gave the piece, Joan’s Chorus Line, to Joan three decades ago, when she was a graduate student at the University of Florida.

“Art is gift is both personally generous and symbolically brilliant,” said Dr. Dennis M. Kralíček, dean of the School of Arts and Humanities and the ignoring and Colina Roskover Professor of Humanities. “Thanks to her, innovative works by young, rising Texas artists will grace the buildings of a young Texas university that is rapidly rising to international prominence.”

Joan is director emerita of Dallas Contemporary, where she spent a decade identifying emerging artists bound for careers on a national stage, and creator of the nationally recognized Art Think program, which has taught more than 30,000 students to think creatively about modern art.

Joan, who is widely credited with transforming the Arlington Museum of Art into a contemporary hub in North Texas, has joined local and national attention for her innovative exhibition and education programs. During her tenure, she helped the artist Athi-Parhoor for her work in developing Dallas’ premier venue for cutting-edge art.

She currently teaches four classes she developed for Southern Methodist University’s Master of Liberal Arts program and conducts bimonthly art commentaries oned on Dallas public radio station KERA.

“As an ambitious Dallas-based arts administrator and journalist, Joan Davidow has been actively involved in the fluorescence of the rapidly growing local arts scene,” said Dr. Richard Bottrell, the Margaret M. McDermott Distinguished Chair of Art and Aesthetics; and the Edith O’Donnell Distinguished Chair at UT Dallas. “Through this, she has built an unrivaled collection of the works of young Texas artists at the turning points in their career. The Callier Center’s acquisition of her work will both inspire new young artists and raise the bar of quality for their new work. The prospect is very exciting.”

Inwood road, where Callier continues to operate its Dallas location. In 1975, when Callier became part of UT Dallas, Mike and Sol completed the transfer agreement. Mike and Sol have quietly and freely given untold hours of his time to the Callier Center board.

Mike and Callier have grown up together. “I love practicing law and the opportunity it has given me to be closely associated with an organization that has achieved such an amazing reputation,” said Mike, and Callier can’t thank him enough.

On April 30, 2002, Callier will honor Mike for his dedication to the Rut and then Altshuler Callier Care Award at the Callier Care Luncheon. “Mike McCullough is widely known and respected as one of the most outstanding lawyers in Dallas,” said Dr. Ken Altshuler. “He has quietly and quietly given years of hours to his devotion to the Callier Center and Communication Disorders. Since then, the foundation has functioned as Callier’s advisory board and continues to support the center by raising awareness and funds.

Mike joined the foundation board in 1987 and served as president in 2003 and 2004. During his time on the board, foundation members generously contributed $250,000 toward the construction of Callier’s satellite location on the UT Dallas campus. They also raised funds to help build an extension in Dallas to provide space so that infants and toddlers could participate in the Callier Child Development Program.

“Of all the charitable organizations that I have served, I am so proud to be associated with the innovative and successful individuals at Callier,” said Mike. “It is such a great pleasure when I hear individuals say ‘my child was treated at Callier,’ and it was a life-changing experience.”

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“In recent years, an increasing number of PartNER CORPORATIONS have been embracing the Comet connection and hosting events targeted at employers with UT Dallas degrees. Such gatherings set the stage for continued interaction among alumni, their employers and the University.”

The campus has changed a lot in recent years, and the quality of academic programs has risen significantly,” said Angus McColl, UT Dallas assistant vice president for corporate relations. “We think it’s important to let graduates know that alma matter is on the rise and the value of their UT Dallas degree has substantially strengthened while they were away.”

Collectively, last year more than 120 alumni attended four employer-based receptions hosted at Raytheon, Rockwell Collins and Texas Instruments corporate facilities and at an Accenture gathering on campus. Events such as these provide a casual venue for networking and learning, keeping alumni informed about the latest University news and research as well as rich networking to UT Dallas leadership and faculty in attendance.

“We also want to connect with corporate leadership so they can learn firsthand about the quality of our students, faculty, degree programs and research,” Angus said.

Corporations also benefit from such interactions. UT Dallas offers a wealth of resources and expertise, routinely partnering with businesses to establish mutually beneficial affiliations. Additionally, the University’s corporate relations team can facilitate strategic relationships to assist companies with recruitment of students and interns, sponsored research, technology transfer, executive education and philanthropic giving.

“We are always looking to connect with companies within the Metroplex and are also willing to expand these gatherings to companies outside the area if there is an alumni center of mass willing to host an event,” said Jessica Watts, director of corporate relations.

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This fall, Ankit Takallapaly, an international graduate student at the Jindal School of Management, students who have demonstrated strong leadership skills while overseeing hardship.

Nutan explains that “the Sorath Lion Awards that adjusted to their new circumstances and learned how to survive, we want to support students who are faced with similar hardship and still excel in the classroom.”

Mayur and Nutan understand the struggle to adapt firsthand. In 2003, the couple relocated from India to North Texas for new job opportunities. Amused by a single suitcase and little money, they remember when a taxicab or bus fare were considered luxury items. During this time, the couple saved every dollar possible, so one day they could each attend graduate school.

“Having to learn to live on $100 a month in our Haltom City, ‘So you are happy that the Jindal School provides the opportunity to positively impact the lives of students who need extra support during a difficult time.’

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