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Atlanta Print Biennial + Norman Wagner / SGCI Award for Teaching Excellence
March 17th - April 14th, 2017

gallery hours: 12:00 - 6:00 PM Wednesday - Friday
12:00 - 5:00PM Saturday
& by appointment

Opening Reception

Friday March 17, 2017

7:00 - 10:00PM

free and open to the public

exhibit runs through April 14, 2017

Kai Lin Art is pleased to be hosting the 2017 Atlanta Print Biennial this March 17th - April 14th, 2017. Organized by the **Atlanta Printmakers Studio**, the Atlanta Print Biennial is an international juried exhibition of hand pulled prints and works on paper produced by renowned artists from around the world. This years juror is the 2017 SGC International Printmaker Emeritus Awardee **Sydney Cross**. In conjunction with the Atlanta Print Biennial, The **Southern Graphics Council International** will be honoring master printmaker and educator **Norman Wagner** with the 2017 SGCI Award for Teaching Excellence and a solo exhibition in Kai Lin Art's Grey Gallery. Started in 2011, this is the fourth Biennial for the Atlanta Printmakers Studio and the second at Kai Lin Art. Atlanta Printmakers Studio will be hosting a private opening reception on Thursday, March 16th for SGCI and APS Members. Kai Lin Art will be hosting the public exhibition opening on Friday, March 17th from 7:00 - 10:00pm.

This years Atlanta Print Biennial will feature more than 80 hand printed, editioned works on paper from printmakers around the world. Coinciding with the the Atlanta Print Biennial, the SGC International conference will be held in Atlanta from March 15 -18. The Southern Graphics Council International is the same distinguished organization of which the Biennial's Juror, Sydney A. Cross, held the office of vice president and then President from 1996-2000. Cross, received her Bachelor of Fine Arts: Northern Arizona University in 1977 and her Masters of Fine Arts: Arizona State University in 1980. She taught printmaking and art for 33 years. In 2015, she retired from teaching at Clemson University where she was awarded the title of Distinguished Alumni Professor of Art.

Norman Wagner is the 2017 recipient of the Award for Teaching Excellence. In addition to sharing work representing his past, Wagner will be showing a series of collagraph-monoprint assemblages. "Some of these artworks utilize oil based intaglio process color inks, while the most recent artworks utilize the water-soluble, soy-based Akua intaglio inks, which for me inform a new printing experience—resulting in significantly different color enhancement." Norman considers his art to be experimental in nature, intuitive and introspective, yet not adhering to any particular mode of expression. Wagner studied printmaking and design at the Institute of Design in Chicago where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Visual Design in 1961 and a Master of Science Degree of Visual Design in 1968. Wagner has taught courses in drawing, etching, relief printmaking, lithography, serigraphy, papermaking, book arts and interdisciplinary collaboration and has coordinated numerous printmaking workshops at the Atlanta College of Art. Norman has exhibited his work regionally, nationally and internationally.

Kai Lin Art is a contemporary art gallery located in Atlanta's booming West Midtown District whose mission is making art happen in the Southeast and beyond. The gallery promotes local and regional artists and creates community, conversation and connection through art. Kai Lin Art is free and open to public Wednesday through Saturday, 12 - 6pm and by appointment. Located at 999 Brady Avenue NW Suite 7 Atlanta Georgia 30318.