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Thiebaud, Balco exhibits come to Sac State

An eclectic array of art is headed for the University Library galleries on the Sacramento State campus. “The Paul LeBaron Thiebaud Collection” and “Bright Stripes,” a display of works by Cat Balco, kick off the Fall 2013 season.

Paul LeBaron Thiebaud, who died in 2010, was well known and respected for his appreciation of all kinds of art, having worked at Christie’s auction house in New York and operating galleries in that city and San Francisco.

The son of artist Wayne Thiebaud, Paul Le Baron Thiebaud began collecting art as a teenager, with works representing all facets and media – contemporary, African, Pre-Columbian and Latin American folk art to name just a few.

The exhibit runs Sept. 5-Dec. 14 in the Library Gallery and is curated by Library Gallery Director Phil Hitchcock and LeBaron’s Fine Art Director Colleen Casey, with assistant student curators Sabrina Abbott and Yukiko Hole.

“Paul was not only known for his array of wonderful artifacts and art, he was also known for his generosity in sharing his collection,” Abbott says.

The appropriately named “Bright Stripes” exhibit debuts Thursday, Sept. 12, and runs through Wednesday, Oct. 16, in the Library Galley Annex.

Artist Cat Balco is based in New England. Her achievements include fellowships with the Vermont Studio Center and Yale School of Art; exhibitions at venues such as The Painting Center in New York and Artspace in New Haven, Conn.; and having received the Helen Winternitz Award in Painting and the Gloucester Landscape Painting Prize.

“The shallow, ‘Trompe L’oeil’ space in my paintings reflects my previous work as a decorative painter,” Balco says. “I like my paintings to create the illusion that they are a few inches deep and that they partially conceal a large open area behind this facade. This ‘space behind’ is where I would like to go – it is the space of an open mind.”

A reception for both exhibits will be held from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, in the galleries.
For more information on the Library Galleries, visit www.al.csus.edu/sota/ulg or call (916) 278-4189. For media assistance, call Sacramento State’s Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156.

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