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‘Water’ will fill Else Gallery in April

Sylvia Sensiper will be the featured artist when Sacramento State’s Art Department presents “Bodies of Water,” a collection of her works offering inspiration about the element of nature that sustains all life.

The free exhibit will run April 2-25 with a special reception from 5-8 p.m. Friday, April 12, featuring music and dance. Regular gallery hours are noon-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

“Sylvia Sensiper’s large-scale photographs are experiments with bodies of light and water in Northern California,” says Art Professor Pat Chirapravati, the exhibit’s curator.

Sensiper’s focus on water evokes a notion from the writings of Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi – that people are most happy when they are in a state of flow.

“Flow is being completely involved in an activity for its own sake,” says Chirapravati. “The ego falls away. Time flies. Every action, movement and thought follows inevitably from the previous one, like playing jazz.”

Sensiper makes use of the camera to look closely and intently at things, eddying around an idea or concept and then, inevitably, moving on.

She will give an artist’s lecture at 5 p.m. Friday, April 12, followed by the reception in the Kadema Hall Courtyard. Four local groups will offer entertainment that complements the displayed works.

The Asian Culture Club will give a demonstration of different martial arts styles. The president of the Cambodian Student Association will read poetry in memory of his father, who left Cambodia during the Khmer Rouge era. A singer from the Chinese Culture Organization will sing traditional Chinese opera and new, popular Chinese music. And dancing will be presented by the Hmong Club.

For more information, contact the Art Department at (916) 278-6166 or visit www.al.csus.edu/art/. For media assistance, call Sacramento State’s Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156.

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