

THE BLOOD CONNECTION PRESENTS THE ARTIST SHOWCASE featuring ERIC BENJAMIN & TOM FLOWERS

Exhibit Dates

February 17 - May 12



ERIC BENJAMIN



Eric Benjamin currently teaches art at Stone Academy in Greenville, SC. He also organized the Fine Arts Alliance, where he teaches visual arts after school and holds summer art camps.

He earned his BFA from Clemson University then received his certification in education from Converse College. He is a National Board Certified teacher and presented at the National Art Education Association's nation conference in 2012. He has been teaching since 1998.

His work has been exhibited in shows at the Art Bomb, Open Studios with the Metropolitan Arts Council, the Greenville County Museum of Art, the Pickens County Museum Juried Professional Show, the Anderson Art Show, Center Stage Gallery and the Artist Guild of Atlanta's Juried Show and was awarded the Gallery Choice award at the Artist Guild Gallery of Greenville in 2012.

He has worked with many charitable organizations including Camp Greenville, the Children's Theater, the Children's Museum, and Chicora Voices.

Tom Flowers, Professor Emeritus of Art at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, has won numerous national and local awards for his creative work, including a Duke Endowment Award and a Fulbright Grant to travel and study in India.

The South Carolina State Museum selected Flowers as one of the "100 Artists in 100 Year Celebration and Exhibit" in the year 2000. Flowers has held one-man exhibits in the mid-west, throughout the south, and in Italy.

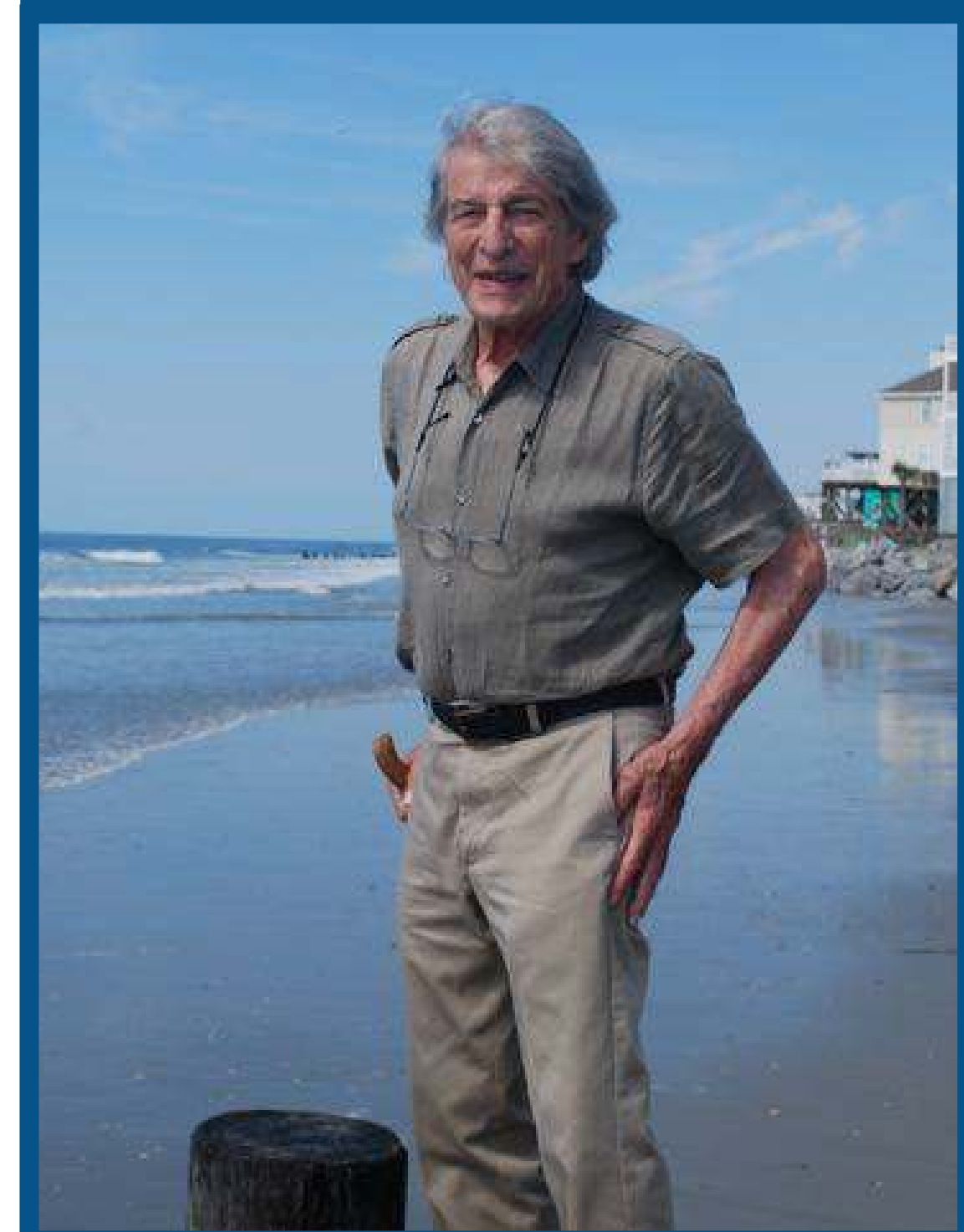
The city of Greenville, SC, displays two of his sculptures: a bas-relief bronze plaque of Holly and Arthur Magill on a wall in front of the Greenville County Art Museum and a wood sculpture of the history of Greenville, South Carolina, in City Hall. Flowers has also done an installation and painting on a bridge on Poinsett Highway in Greenville.

A past president of the Greenville Artists Guild, Tom Flowers has also served as president and member of the board of trustees of the Greenville County Museum of Art, a state representative of the American Craftsman Council, a member of the advisory board of the Guild of South Carolina Artists, and a Pickens County Arts Commissioner.

Tom Flowers received his bachelor's degree from Furman University, and his MFA degree from the University of Iowa. He taught at Ottawa University in Kansas, and at East Carolina University, in North Carolina, before coming to Furman University, where he spent most of his career as Art Professor and Head of the Art Department.

After retiring from Furman University, he owned and operated a frame shop in Travelers Rest, SC, and then an art gallery in Liberty, SC. Tom now enjoys working in his new studio at 100 Mountainview, Ave., Greenville, SC. He also takes part in Greenville Open Studios every fall.

TOM FLOWERS



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