TURCHIN CENTER FOR THE VISUAL ARTS
Presents
A Special Lecture Series

John Scarlata: Living in the Light
A Retrospective & Other Works

Thursday, November 3, 2011
Lecture: 7:00pm (TCVA Lecture Hall Room 1102)
Reception: 8:00pm (Galleries A & B)

Introductions: Hank Foreman & Ben Garfinkle

This special event is dedicated to the educator and photographer, John Scarlata, in honor of his retrospective exhibition Living in the Light. John served as the chair of the photography program in the Department of Technology, at Appalachian State University from 1999 until 2010.

Join special guest lecturers as they provide an in-depth conversation about the life and work of this artist who dedicated his life to being an educator. Special guests include Jay Phyfer (Professor of photography and digital imaging, Virginia Intermont College), Gil Leebrick (Professor Emeritus and former Director of the Wellington B. Gray Gallery, East Carolina University), Pac McLaurin (Photography Department, Appalachian State University) Joe Champagne (Professor of Photography & Digital Imaging Virginia Intermont College), Jackie Leebrick, Ben Garfinkle (Oakland California) and Tom Braswell (Photographer and Interim Gallery Director from Wellington B. Gray Gallery, East Carolina University).

A reception for participants will immediately follow the lecture from 8-9pm in Galleries A & B. Complimentary food and beverages will be served.

Lecture Screenings
The Turchin Center will offer three separate screenings of John Scarlata’s Retrospective Lecture held at the Wellington B. Gray Gallery at East Carolina University on January 15, 2010. These screenings will be held at 2pm in the Turchin Center’s Lecture Hall, Room 1102 on the following Fridays: November 18, 2011, December 9, 2011 and January 20th, 2012. The video is 80 minutes in length. This video provides an in-depth look at the work and processes of the photographer.

About the artist
A native of Long Island, New York, Scarlata studied photography at Brooks Institute of Photography and California Institute of the Arts, receiving his MFA from the latter in 1976. He subsequently moved to North Carolina and was a Third Century Artist at the Arts Council of Wilson in 1977. Teaching positions at UNC-Charlotte and Penland School of Crafts followed. From 1979 until 1999, Scarlata taught at Virginia Intermont College in Bristol, Virginia. From 1999 until 2010, he served as the chair of the photography program in the Department of Technology, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina. A past chair and conference coordinator of the Society for Photographic Education/Southeast Region, he has been active in the professional development of education in his medium. Scarlata’s work has been exhibited nationally and internationally, including recent shows in Cuba and China.

This exhibition organized by family, friends and colleagues, feature works by distinguished Southern photographer John Scarlata (1949 - 2010).

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