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Turchin Center for the Visual Arts Hosts 10th Anniversary Party, May 3

Boone, NC – It has been 10 years since the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts opened the doors to the six gallery space contemporary art museum bridging the gap between the campus of Appalachian State University and downtown Boone, N.C. To celebrate, the Turchin Center will host a “birthday party” for the center on Friday, May 3rd as a part of Downtown Boone’s First Friday Art Crawl. The event is free and open to the public from 7-9 p.m. and will pay a special tribute to patrons Robert and Lillian Turchin.

During the event will be live music performances by Todd Wright and Andy Page. Appalachian State University Theatre & Dance professor, Sherone Price and the African Dance Ensemble will also perform during the event.

Limited edition prints by artist Tim Turner will be on sale and all proceeds go to the Turchin Center. Only 50 have been printed in honor of the 10th anniversary. The cost of the print is \$225 and framing options are available. For more information on this print, visit <http://tcva.org/news/2013/04/1026>.

The current exhibitions that will be on display during this event are *International Focus Series I-V: V. Polish Artists Group Exhibition*, *10th Appalachian Mountain Photography Competition*, *Negotiation of the Secret Society Cloth: An Exploration of Ukara*, Victor Ekpuk: *Drawing Memories* and *BFA Senior Studio Exhibition Spring 2013*. For more information about these exhibitions, visit <http://tcva.org/exhibitions>.

10 Years of Turchin

Over the last 10 years, the Turchin Center has featured over 205 exhibitions to date. This includes a combination of local, regional, national and international exhibitions. Over 65% of the exhibitions that have been featured at the center have been by local or regional artists.

The Turchin Center's Permanent Collection houses over 1,600 works of art with the largest amount of works by a single artist being by Andy Warhol. The center is also home to the largest collection of Inuit art in the United States thanks to a continuing donation by Dr. H.G. Jones.

Since opening in May of 2003, annual visitation to the Turchin Center has increased by 42%. An average of 1,000 visitors attend the center's Exhibition Celebrations during First Friday Art Crawls throughout the year. These celebrations feature live music, a cash bar and a chance to view the artwork the day the exhibition opens.

The Outreach Program at the Turchin Center spans throughout many platforms around the campus and community. The vast community outreach programs the center is involved with include the Hospitality House, Mountain Cares Assisted Living Facility and area public schools. In addition, the Turchin Center hosts workshops for kids, older teens and adults year-round. Programs for Appalachian students have also grown over the last few years, expanding to student-only events hosted by the Turchin Center as well as free Tai Chi lessons and Open Studio time every Tuesday.

About the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts

The Turchin Center for the Visual Arts presents exhibition, education and collection programs that support Appalachian State University's role as a key regional educational, cultural and economic resource.

The Turchin Center is located at 423 West King St., in Boone. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tues.-Thurs. and Saturday, and Noon-8 p.m., Friday. The Center is closed Sunday and Monday, and observes all university holidays. There is no admission charge, although donations are gratefully accepted.

For additional details about the Turchin Center, becoming a donor, the upcoming exhibitions, to be added to the mailing list or to schedule a tour, please call (828) 262-3017 or visit www.tcva.org. You can also follow the Turchin Center on Facebook and Twitter @TurchinCenter.

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