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Turchin Center for the Visual Arts Opens 3 New Exhibitions at Spring Exhibition Celebration, April 5

Boone, NC – Appalachian State University’s Turchin Center for the Visual Arts is celebrating the opening of three new exhibitions during their **Spring Exhibition Celebration on Friday, April 5, 2013** as part of Downtown Boone’s First Friday Art Crawl. From 7-9 p.m., the Turchin Center will be open for all visitors to come and celebrate the new artwork on display, listen to live music by the band The Lucky Strikes and enjoy a refreshing beverage from the cash bar. Many of the artists will be in attendance including Victor Ekpuk, Dr. Eli Bentor and the students featured in the *BFA Senior Studio* exhibition. A special “Donors Only” preview will be held prior to the reception from 6-7 p.m. Admission is free and more information can be found at <http://tcva.org/calendar/events/826>.

The new exhibitions being celebrated on April 5th are ***Negotiation of the Secret Society Cloth: An Exploration of Ukara; Victor Ekpuk: Drawing Memories and BFA Senior Studio Exhibition Spring 2013***. These three exhibitions join the following three current exhibitions in the center: *10th Appalachian Mountain Photography Competition; The Polish Group Exhibition* (final installment of the International Focus Series I-V: *21 Szutka: Contemporary Art of Poland*) and *Behind the Scenes: TCVA Community Outreach Teachers*.

Negotiation of the Secret Society Cloth: An Exploration of Ukara

Gallery A and Mayer Gallery, West Wing

April 5- August 3, 2013

Negotiation of the Secret Society Cloth is an exhibition exploring the history, variety of design patterns, process of creation and the various uses of Ukara based on research conducted by Dr. Eli

Bentor over the last twenty-two years. This exhibition is presented in dialog with contemporary artist Victor Ekpuk.

For more information, visit <http://tcva.org/exhibitions/892>.

Victor Ekpuk: *Drawing Memories*

Gallery B and Mayer Gallery, West Wing
April 5- August 3, 2013

Victor Ekpuk is an established Nigerian artist based in Washington, DC whose art responds to his cultural background, the realities of his homeland, and his experiences as a global artist. Victor Ekpuk reinvents graphic symbols from diverse cultures and time periods in order to form his own personal style of mark making that results in interplay of both art and writing. This exhibition is presented in dialog with [*Negotiation of the Secret Society Cloth*](#) by Dr. Bentor. For more information, visit <http://tcva.org/exhibitions/894>.

BFA Senior Studio Exhibition Spring 2013

Community Gallery, East Wing
April 5- August 3, 2013

The biannual *BFA Senior Studio Exhibition* is a celebration of the accomplishments of all senior art students seeking a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. This exhibition is organized by the Catherine J. Smith Gallery and the Department of Art. For more information, visit <http://tcva.org/exhibitions/748>.

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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