

eric firestone gallery

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Scottsdale, Arizona – Eric Firestone Gallery is proud to present an exhibition of paintings by Robert Walters titled *Distant Places*, from May 15 – June 14, 2008.

Robert Walters: *Distant Places*
May 15, 2008 – June 14, 2008
Opening Reception May 1, 2008 from 7-10pm

Robert Walters' art is one of experience. From 1948 – 1961 Walters made his mark as a noted abstract expressionist painter from New Mexico. The span of these years saw Walters focus solely on the non-objective. As abstract as the works were they were stabilized and driven by a structure that ultimately fueled Walters' devotional quest to better-understand the architectural. By the mid-1960's Walter held a degree in architecture and shortly thereafter became a Professor of Architecture at University of New Mexico. In the twenty-five years that followed, Walters applied the principles of abstraction to his award winning architectural designs and when he retired from his teaching post he applied all he learned and experienced architecturally to his paintings. The paintings Walters has made since 1985 marry perfectly the figurative and architectural, and are punctuated by broad, nuanced swathes of color that abstractly delineate spatial ambiguities of exterior and interior architectural spaces. Walters' compositions are influenced by the heroic intent and expansive naturalism of Mexican Murals. Time spent as an assistant to Jose Clemente Orozco in the 1940's consistently informs the way Walters approaches his work, lending a complex simplicity to the decisions of color, line and form. Walters is a seasoned traveler, his experiences in New Mexico, Mexico and Spain provide the exotic and allegorical elements that dominate his life, art and imagination.



Robert Walters holds degrees in both Fine Arts and Architecture from the University of New Mexico. His works has been exhibited widely: Drawings: American Institute of Architects Gallery, Albuquerque, NM 2007; The Passage: Albuquerque Museum of Art and History, NM 2005; New Work: San Ysidro Gallery, Corrales, NM 1997; The Spanish Woman: San Ysidro Gallery, Corrales, NM 1994; Albuquerque in the 50's: University of New Mexico Museum of Art, NM 1989; and Young American Printmakers: Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY 1952. His architectural projects have received a National AIA Design Award and a Graham Foundation Grant for Abstraction in Architectural Design. Walters' paintings and woodblock prints are in the permanent collections of: Brooklyn Museum, NY; Mexico City College, Mexico; Museum of Modern Art, NY; The University of California Museum of Art, CA; University of New Mexico Museum of Art, NM; Xerox Corporation, NY.

The exhibition runs through Saturday, June 14th, 2008.

HOURS: 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday – Saturday, Thursday evenings 7-9 p.m.

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