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“Visual Poetry” on display at Lock Haven University Exhibit of works by photographer Chung Chak

The public is invited to an artist’s reception in conjunction with a new art exhibit in the Sloan Fine Arts Gallery on the Lock Haven University campus. The photography of Chung Chak will be on display from October 31 to November 19. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

The opening reception will be at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2. There is no charge for this event.



Chak says he wants his imagery “to become visual poetry, which creates a sense of timelessness and unusual psychological impacts, and triggers a dialogue from the abstract photographs to the minds of the audience.” As a result, he says, “Views will no longer remain passive audience.”

The current exhibit, “Recent Work by Chung Chak,” will include projects he created after the sudden deaths of his father and a beloved friend in 2007. The content is directly inspired by very personal emotions, such as memories, dreams, religion, and illusions. However, he does not try to tell specific stories. Instead, the imagery only intends to suggest isolation, frustration, mystery, and loss.

As an artist, Chak’s photo work attempts to give adequate freedom for open interpretation. He wants his imagery to become visual poetry, which creates a sense of timelessness and unusual psychological impacts, and triggers a dialogue from the abstract photographs to the minds of the audience. Viewers will no longer remain passive audience. Due to his education in visual communication, he found conceptual development and the creative process are as important as the end result.

Born in Hong Kong, Chak came to the United States in 1989 and became a citizen in 2005. He resides in New Jersey, where he is an associate professor of Graphic Design at The College of New Jersey.

Chak earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in graphic design from SUNY New Paltz and his Masters of Fine Arts in graphic design from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His photographic series have been displayed in solo and juried group exhibitions throughout the United States.

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