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Renowned Finnish artist's exhibit to include a free public lecture on March 30

William Dennisuk's Vessel series in White River State Park Canal through August 2011

Indianapolis continues to enhance its international public art reputation with the current exhibition by Finnish artist William Dennisuk.

Dennisuk's **Vessel**, a three-part series, is a privately-funded public art project, created in collaboration with Herron School of Art and Design. He was selected by Herron faculty member Jeanne Nemeth to participate in the exhibition 3x3 running in the Robert B. Berkshire and Eleanor Prest Reese galleries at Herron through April 15, 2011. Out of this collaboration grew the public art project.

Dennisuk is a professor of fine art in his native Finland. Over the past decade he has taught numerous courses there and in the United States on Public Art and Sculpture. His international reputation has led to installations in Finland, Denmark, Japan, Ireland and the United States.

The Vessel installation is in the White River State Park Canal - near the NCAA headquarters, Indiana State Museum and the Medal of Honor Memorial.

This exhibition for the first time links the two series-- 'Hidden Variables', on display in 3x3, and 'Vessel' -- in a comprehensive overview. The aim of the exhibition is to show how both the indoor and outdoor works are closely related reflecting parallel aesthetic and philosophical impulses.

"Vessel draws attention to our relationship with water," Dennisuk states, "and stands as a metaphor for how we might interact with the extended environment. The open-frame sculptures, together with their reflections, tend to intermingle and mesh with their wider surroundings, suggesting an inter-dependent and more collaborative partnership with our environment."

William Dennisuk will give a free public lecture on Wednesday, March 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the Basile Auditorium of Herron School of Art and Design.

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