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**LSU Museum of Art reunites three former LSU School of Art  
Professor's in the upcoming exhibition, *Reunion*  
May 17 – August 9**



**BATON ROUGE, La** - On May 17, 2009, the LSU Museum of Art will open *Reunion*, an exhibition featuring the works of Southern Louisiana artists, James Burke, Edward Pramuk and Robert Warrens. This fantastically whimsical exhibition reunites and celebrates the artistic careers of three men who taught at Louisiana State University School of Art Department from the 1960s through the 1990s.

When an abstract-expressionist artist appeared on the cover of *Life* magazine in 1949, it signaled a shift whereby New York art became the standard against which all other art would be measured. During this time, many artists flocked to New York, but three artists in particular chose to make their marks in Louisiana. James Burke, Edward Pramuk and Robert Warrens are three artists, each from Northern states, who chose to take their place in art history, not in the art center of New York, but in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Burke

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and Pramuk arrived at the LSU School of Art department in 1965; Warrens two years later. They taught painting, drawing, printmaking and design throughout much of the 1970s, 80s and 90s. Their works range in size and medium, but assuredly define each era with a true attention to current art trends.

James Burke, Edward Pramuk and Robert Warrens became three of the most influential figures behind contemporary art in South Louisiana over the past four decades. *Reunion*, features over 70 works including prints, paintings, collages, drawings and works on paper, large sculptures and moving sculptures. The exhibition includes both pieces created by the artists during their tenures at LSU, and artworks representing their current styles. Among the works on display are insightful self portraits by the artists, unique depictions of animals and nature, nonfigurative representations of interiors, landscapes and cities in South Louisiana, as well as works illustrating the artists' creative processes.

### **Events:**

#### **Press Preview**

Friday, May 15, 9:30am

Meet the artists and tour the exhibition.

#### ***Reunion* Member's Opening Reception**

Saturday, May 16, 6:30 p.m., 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> floors

Tour the exhibition and meet the artists. Music provided by Betsy Braud, "the Jazz Nurse". Free for LSU Museum of Art members.

#### ***Reunion* Gallery Talk**

Sunday, May 17, 2 p.m., 5th floor

Free for members, all others free with regular museum admission

Join *Reunion's* three artists, James Burke, Edward Pramuk, and Robert Warren, for a walk through the galleries. Artists will provide insight into their inspirations and processes as well as reminisce about their time teaching together at LSU.

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