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Small Works on Paper: Retro Works Comes to Camden

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LITTLE ROCK, AR – A new touring exhibition co-sponsored by the Arkansas Arts Council will arrive in Camden on Monday, June 8. *Small Works on Paper: Retro Works* will be on display at Southern Arkansas University Tech in Camden through August 21. Admission is free.

Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The exhibit will be housed in the college's Dr. George J. Brown Library/Learning Resource Center on 100 Carr Road. A public reception is scheduled for 1 p.m., Tuesday, June 16, in the library.

SWOP: Retro Works is a retrospective collection of 30 outstanding works created by Arkansas artists between 1989 and 1997. The works were previously featured in the annual *Small Works on Paper* touring exhibitions and were purchased with grants from the International Paper Foundation and donated to the Arts & Science Center for Southeast Arkansas. The Arts & Science Center for Southeast Arkansas partnered with the Arkansas Arts Council to curate *SWOP: Retro Works*, which will travel to various educational institutions, galleries and museums across Arkansas during the next two years.

The *Small Works on Paper* exhibition was created in the late 1980s to exhibit small works of art (no larger than 24x24 inches) by Arkansas artists in a traveling show to all areas of the state. In particular, it benefits rural communities that often lack access to galleries and museums.

The Arkansas Arts Council was established in 1966 to enable the state of Arkansas to receive funds from the National Endowment for the Arts. In 1971, Act 359 (A.C.A . § 13-8-101 et seq.) gave independent agency status to the Arts Council, with an executive director and a 17-member council appointed by the governor. In 1975, the Arts Council became an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage.

As an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage, the Arkansas Arts Council shares the goals of all its agencies, of preserving and enhancing the heritage of the state of Arkansas.

The other agencies are: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, the Delta Cultural Center in Helena, Historic Arkansas Museum, the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center and the Old State House Museum. Funding for the Arkansas Arts Council and its programs is provided by the state of Arkansas and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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