

# Artist/activist to speak out at Diggs

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Artist, writer and activist Howardena Pindell is expected to speak out against the nation's stance on Iraq tomorrow night during a lecture at Winston-Salem State University's Diggs Gallery. The lecture will begin at 6 p.m.

Pindell has described this country's political agenda as a return of colonial tactics of domination, or comply or die. Her piece, "Till Birnam Wood Remove to Dunsinane ("Macbeth": Act 5, Scene 3), on view at Diggs Gallery, is a response to the 1991 Gulf War.

Over her 37-year career,

the Philadelphia native has created an impressive body of work. The works in Witness: Howardena Pindell on view at Diggs Gallery confront the afflictions of war, disease, racism, sexism and political and social manipulation. The works make us ask, "When will the killing stop and true diplomacy ensue?"

Pindell's works are represented in more than 60 prestigious U.S. collections, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Fogg Art Museum at Harvard University, the Museum of Modern Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art and The Studio Museum in Harlem.

# Museum celebrates its past and present

*Reynolda House was a private home for the Reynolds family for decades*

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Reynolda House, Museum of American Art will share its past and future with a special community celebration Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

The afternoon will include a lawn party with art activities for children and live music provided by "Crescendo," the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Elementary School Honors Chorus, at 3 p.m. Tours of the four floors of the museum will be available. There will also be opportunities to observe the painting techniques of local artists and enjoy a large cake created in the shape of the 1917 historic mansion.

On Sept. 8, 1967, Reynolda House, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, opened its doors

as a Museum of American Art after being the residence of three generations of the R.J. Reynolds family for 50 years.

Since the opening, many other significant works have been added by artists, including: Georgia O'Keeffe, Mary Cassatt, Grant Wood, Stuart Davis and Jacob Lawrence. With works dating from 1755 to the present, the collection has been described by John Wilmerding of Princeton University as, "the finest concentration of American art in a public collection south of Washington (D.C.)."

Reynolda House will soon break ground on a wing to enhance the educational mission of the museum. The facility will include a 29,000-square-foot, three-floor wing carefully placed to preserve the original landscape. The project will include a visitors center, multipurpose room, library and archives, classrooms and studio space. Reynolda House also plans to restore several public rooms in the house to their original 1920s appearance. The event is free and open to the public.

# Hanes Mall gets a face-lift

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Hanes Mall, the largest mall between Washington, D.C., and Atlanta, has been undergoing exterior and interior renovations since February. The mall's facelift comes after CBL Associates Properties Inc. took over the managerial reins last year.

CBL, based in Chattanooga, Tenn., is a real estate investment trust that primarily owns and develops regional malls and is an active developer of community centers. The company oversees more than 50 properties throughout the country.

"The whole architectural feel and look has changed," said Brenda McNeeley, marketing director for Hanes Mall, who says that renovations will be completed by November, just in time for the holiday season.

CBL has not released an exact figure on mall renovation expenses but McNeeley estimates it is costing somewhere in the millions. It has been 10 years since the last time Hanes Mall was renovated. That was when the size of the mall was nearly doubled with an addition.

"Most malls are (installing carpet) to increase the length of your shopping experience....Hopefully all of our amenities will increase the length of (customers) shopping," said McNeeley, who hopes that patrons of the mall will no longer separate the original mall from its addition as "the old side and new side" but come to know it as one complete shopping center.

Shoppers will notice a brand new, fancy "H" logo at all mall entrances, which are now adorned with stainless steel canopies. New external directional signs have been added, and the interior of the mall is painted in a lighter color palette. New carpet, tile and hardwood flooring have been put in place, and soft seating and cafe tables have been added throughout the mall to accommodate food facilities.

A sound system has also been added with speakers at all mall entrances, allowing for music, advertisements and announcements to be aired. Restrooms have been remodeled, and a family rest-



Photos by Courtney Gaillard  
Above: The food court has been outfitted with new paint and lighting fixtures. The outside of the mall has been spruced up with new logos and signs.



room, complete with nursing room, has been added for parents and small children.

"(Renovations) are definitely very family-entertainment oriented and going in that direction," said McNeeley, referring to the soft play area for children that has been added on the lower level in

front of Sears.

To allow for better foot traffic, a bridge was built (in the Belk court) so that shoppers do not have to circle the upper half of the mall to get to stores on the opposite side. The lower-level Belk court will also be home to a new entertainment court for mall stage

events and for customer service. A feature elevator is being installed there also.

With competing malls in the region — such as South Park Mall in Charlotte and newly constructed South Point Mall in Raleigh — undergoing renovations, McNeeley hopes that Winston-Salem shoppers will remain loyal to Hanes Mall and not feel the need to take their dollars elsewhere.

"Obviously we can't survive on Winston-Salem alone, so we reach out to secondary and tertiary markets. I don't know how many of our shoppers go to Raleigh. I know there's some stores there that we don't have, but hopefully in the next year we'll have (new stores) and (shoppers) won't have to go any further....I think they'll remain loyal," said McNeeley, who indicated that "awesome things are in the work" at Hanes Mall.

Many events are planned for Nov. 2-10, when the mall will hold its grand unveiling. Events will include giveaways, door prizes, costumed characters, hot air balloon rides, musical performances, face painting and Santa Claus.

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