

# CAMPUS NEWS

## Diggs Gallery has Ethiopian art on display

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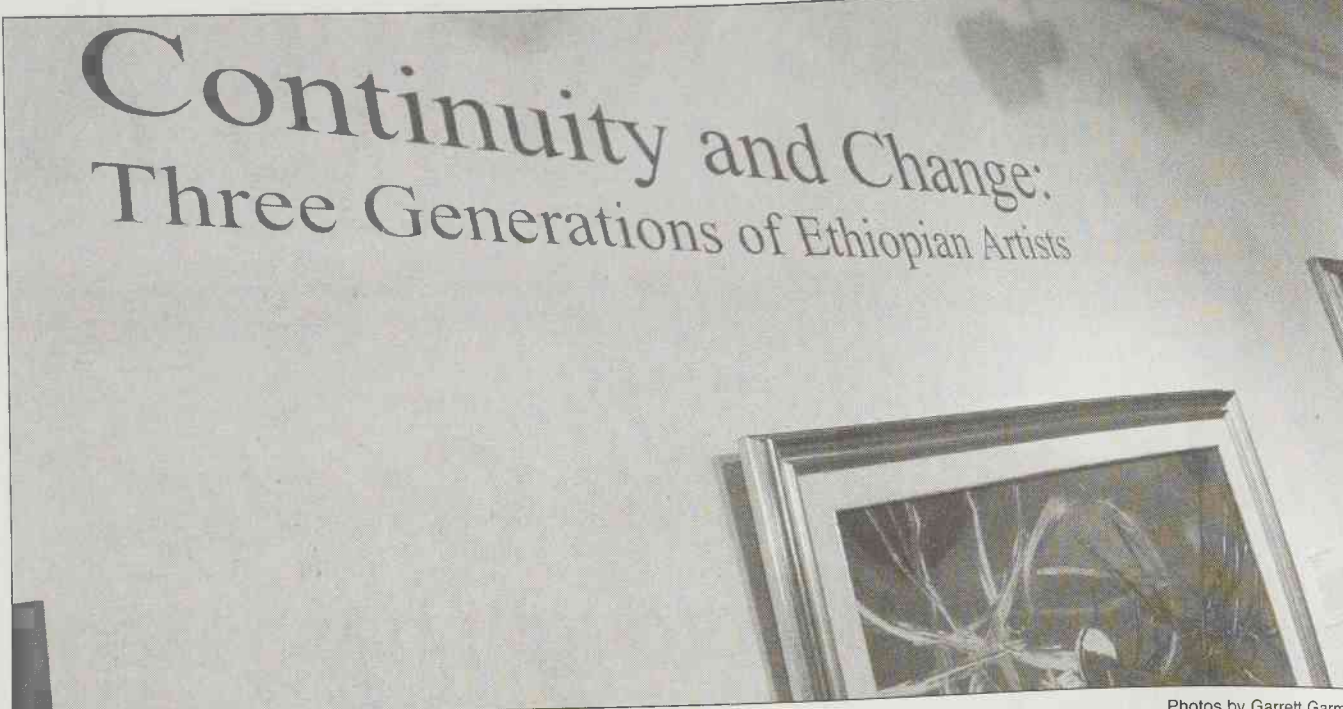
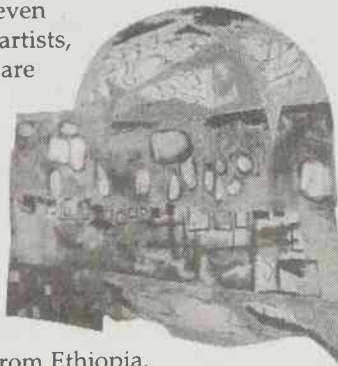
There are many factors that have helped shape art of the past and the way we look at art today. Influences range from culture, music, location, and even climate. Usually when most people think of art, they think of Picasso, Michelangelo, or Rembrandt.

Ever thought of Tibebe Terffa, Afewer Tekle, or maybe even Bisrat Shibabaw? These artists, along with many others, are some of the world's best and they all come from Ethiopia. Since last May, Diggs Gallery has featured an exhibit that displays art from these and other Ethiopian artists.

"I never knew that such beautiful art came from Ethiopia. I'm so glad to have seen this exhibit and I'm interested in learning more about art from Ethiopia," said Sheena Oliver, a nursing major. The exhibit, "The Continuity and Change: Three Generations of Ethiopian Artists", is a showcase of the interesting history of art in Ethiopia. It takes visitors through 50 years of artwork that has blossomed around Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's art capital.

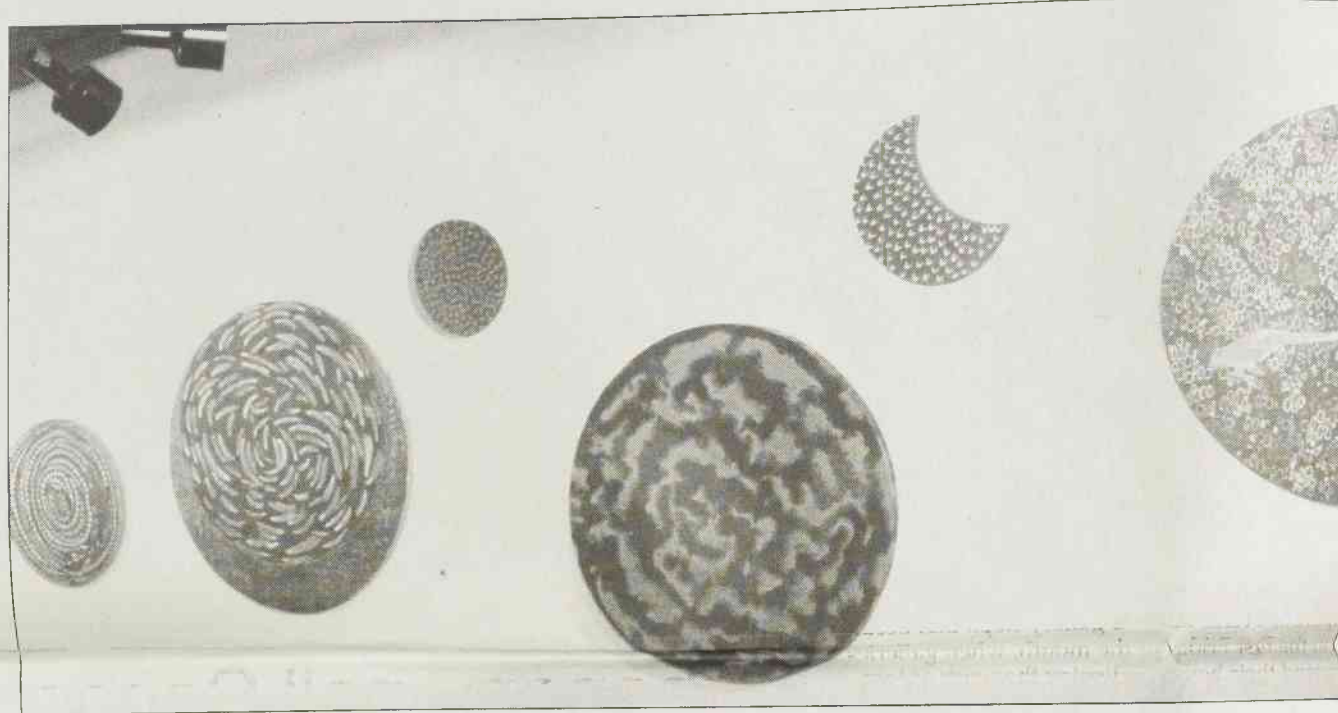
Ethiopia's influence in the world of art has helped shape the world of art in Africa. The School of Fine Arts and Design, located in Ethiopia, was created in 1957 and is one of the most prestigious art schools in Africa. The academy has been called one of the best of its kind on the continent and has molded many of Ethiopia's most famous artists, such as Elias Sime and Desta Hagos.

Now, Ethiopia is sharing its art culture with the world and you can see it all from the developing stages to the modern art of today. The Diggs Gallery will host "The Continuity and Change: Three Generations of Ethiopian Artists" exhibit until Dec. 8.



Photos by Garrett Garms

SEE IT NOW: Some of the world's finest Ethiopian art is on display through Dec. 8 at WSSU's Diggs Gallery. The gallery is on the ground-floor level of O'Kelly Library.



## Not your father's Homecoming

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Winston-Salem State University friends and family will come together once again for Homecoming, which will take place Oct. 28 through Nov. 4, on campus and around the community.

"A lot goes into planning Homecoming events," Theo Howard, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs said in an email. "The Homecoming committee began meeting in March of this year in efforts to make Homecoming 2007 a tremendous success. This year's change to the committee was built on past successes and will retool any areas that need improvement. Everyone agreed that with regard to WSSU Homecomings, it was time to 'move from success to significance.' The theme will be: "RAM HOLLYWOOD HOMECOMING!"

"Surveys were utilized over the summer to get a feel for what students thought was missing from last year's Homecoming celebration," Howard said. After getting the opinions of the student body, subcommittees handle tasks such as campus decorations, the parade, marketing, and student and alumni events.

Homecoming events take place over two weeks, and there are many activities to choose from. The festivities will include several highlights. The comedy show will be hosted by Chris Paul of the NBA's New Orleans Hornets and feature Alex Thomas (The Jamie Foxx Show), Damon Williams (BET's Comicview) and Kevin Hart (Soul Plane). Other activities include the coronation of Miss WSSU and Mr. Ram, the National Pan-Hellenic Council Step Show, and on Saturday, the Rams take on the Hornets of Delaware State University at Bowman Gray Stadium. Another major event is the SGA Concert and "Rip the Runway" Fashion Competition combination event.

Howard explained why he feels that Homecoming 2007 is sure to stand out from past Homecoming celebrations:

"We are putting Homecoming in the hands of the students in hopes the greater participation on the planning and preparation will create greater buy-in. A Homecoming for the students, by the students."

In addition to celebrating school spirit and enjoying Homecoming activities, this year the Ram family is celebrating its history. The Celebration of Champions commemorates the 1967 Division II basketball championship, as well as the 1977 and 1978 CIAA champi-

onship football teams. Several players from these teams went on to have great professional football and basketball careers. The honorees will also serve as the Grand Marshals for the Homecoming Parade.

## Homecoming 2007 Schedule of Events

Sunday, Oct. 21-Wednesday, Oct. 24  
Class Spirit Week

Thursday, Oct. 25  
Greek Stroll off Competition:  
Pitt Area, 4 p.m.  
Comedy Show: K.R. Williams  
Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.-10 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 26  
Red and White Day  
BET College Tour: noon-4 p.m.  
NBA Basketball Game: Lawrence Joel  
Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 8 p.m.  
Midnight Ragin' Rams Pep Rally: midnight

Saturday, Oct. 27  
WSSU vs. Hampton University:  
Bowman Gray Stadium, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 28  
Homecoming Gospel Musical: K.R.  
Williams Auditorium, 6 p.m.  
Campus Activities Board Lighting of the  
Signs: Location TBA, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 29  
Wild n' Out: Thompson Center  
Breezeway, noon

Tuesday, Oct. 30  
Battleground: Thompson Center  
Breezeway, noon  
Poetry Slam: Dillard Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 31  
Yo Momma: Thompson Center  
Breezeway, noon-2 p.m.

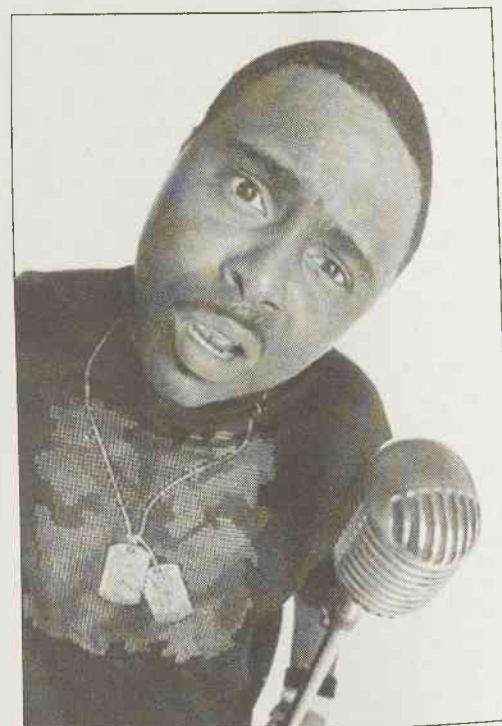
Coronation:  
K.R. Williams Auditorium, 7 p.m.  
Royal Ball-Masquerade Ball: McNeil  
Banquet Hall, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 1  
Alumni Return to Serve Day: WSSU  
Campus, 8 a.m.  
Platinum Family Radio Tour: Thompson  
Center Breezeway, noon-4 p.m.  
School Spirit Residence Hall Judging: All  
residence halls, 7 p.m.  
Freestyle and Streetball Game Tour: C.E.  
Gaines Center, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
Pep Rally: Pitt Area, 9 p.m.

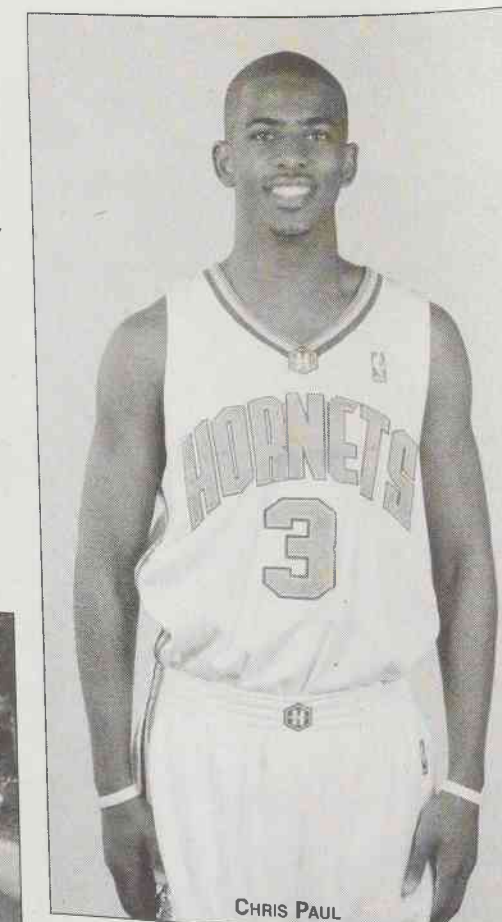
Friday, Nov. 2  
Wreath-Laying Ceremony: K.R. Williams  
Auditorium, 8:45 a.m.  
Founder's Day: K.R. Williams  
Auditorium, 9:45 a.m.  
Red and White Mini Parade: Clock Tower,  
1 p.m.  
Red and White Day Party: Behind Greek  
Plots, 2:20 p.m.  
Concert/After Party: Location TBA,  
7 p.m.  
Celebration of Champions Banquet (1967,  
1977-78 Championship teams):  
location/time TBA  
2007 SGA Concert and "Rip the Runway"  
Fashion Competition: Anderson Center -  
McNeil Ballroom, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 3  
WSSU Parade: Downtown Winston-Salem,  
10 a.m.  
WSSU vs. Delaware State Football Game:  
Bowman Gray Stadium, 2 p.m.  
Greek Pre-Step Show Sampler:  
Thompson Center Breezeway, 5 p.m.  
NPHC Step Show: C.E. Gaines Center,  
7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 4  
Worship Services: your venue of choice  
Extinguish the Sign; location and time  
TBA



ALEX THOMAS



CHRIS PAUL

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LEFT: The WSSU marching band parades through Winston-Salem in this 2006 homecoming photo.