

Sheldon Art Gallery celebrates 25th year of art and culture

Twenty-five years ago, the Green Bay Packers were NFL champions, President Kennedy was worried about Cuba, and only the most chronic of University of Nebraska-Lincoln students had been born.

It was also 25 years ago that the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery opened at the southwest corner of the UNL campus.

Since then, Sheldon has become one of the most prominent art galleries in the Midwest, drawing praise from both coasts and abroad.

The gallery contains hundreds of paintings, sculptures and mixed media works, covering several rooms and two stories.

The Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery fulfills its mission to "reflect and document the visual arts of these United States" by continually featuring works by prominent local and nationally renowned artists. The gallery often has solo exhibitions of notable artists along with its regular collection.

On display until Sept. 13 is an exhibition by Scottsbluff artist Audrey Towater. Twenty of her Nebraska-inspired "impressionistic action" paintings will be at the gallery, among them, "Bob Devaney," "Nebraska Supreme

Court," "Elephant Hall," "Senators in Action" and "Orange Bowl."

Towater will have a reception Sept. 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Sheldon Art Gallery.

An important part of the art gallery is its sculpture garden, located just south and west of the building. Like the art gallery, the sculpture garden features work by local and national artists.

In addition to its permanent collection, the garden is currently displaying three large-scale sculptures by Buena

Vista College art professor Mac Hornecker. Entitled "Post," "Hitch," and "Crib," these works represent memories of the artist's "experiences on the farms of the heartlands of America."

During the school year, the gallery is open from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and closed Monday.

For more information on these or other current or upcoming exhibits call 472-2461.

Irish comedy at Sheldon

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Beresford (Australia, 1986). Aborigines struggle to fit into the mainstream while preserving their culture. Beresford also directed "Crimes of the Heart" and "Tender Mercies."

● "Prick Up Your Ears" by Stephen Frears (Great Britain, 1987). A story about British playwright Joe Orton who was murdered in 1967 by his lover Kenneth Halliwell. Frears also directed "My Beautiful Laundrette."

● "The Video Showcase: The Films of Michael Blackwood." All of these films will be documentaries on archi-

facts and architecture. Blackwood will be present at one of the showings to answer questions.

● "The 1987 United States Tour of Contemporary French Cinema," presented by the French-American Film Workshop, these new French films are not usually distributed in the United States. This is the second year that the Tour has been at the Sheldon.

● "Eat the Peach" by Peter Ormrod (Ireland, 1986). An Irish comedy about a pair who watch an Elvis Presley movie and are inspired to do motorcycle stunts to get rich quick.

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