

Member show features Bill Buchman

The Lauritzen/Rush Galleries of the Art League, Marco Island, Center for the Arts, hosts a juried fine art exhibition, Florida & All That Jazz, featuring the Florida Artist Group. The exhibit opens from 4 to 5:30 p.m., today, featuring works by members of the Florida Artist Group in a multitude of media. At this time, a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception will be held to meet the artists.

The Florida Artist Group, made up of artists whose work has attained national or statewide recognition, incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1949. It holds a symposium and a members' exhibition each year in a different Florida city. Education and other cultural aims are advocated at these meetings through lectures, panel discussions, films and demonstrations, to stimulate attainment of the highest standards of creative art within the state of Florida.

The gallery opening will be preceded at 3 p.m., by a demonstration and lecture, The Art of Jazz and the Jazz of Art, by artist Bill Buchman, whose brightly colored paintings are spontaneous abstractions that display his sense of color, balance and musicality. His expressive figure drawings are also much in demand. Buchman studied painting and drawing with renowned teacher Victor

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D'Amico, at the Institute of Modern Art at the Museum of Modern Art, in East Hampton, N.Y., and with leading American figurative painter Fletcher Martin, at the Albany Institute of Art. He attended the Cornell University School of Fine Arts and Boston University School of Liberal Arts and holds bachelor's and master's degrees in music from the New England Conservatory of Music. Buchman says of his work: "Harmony is my keynote. Ideas from the realm of music are my main source of inspiration. At the same time, a broad spectrum of ideas and techniques of European Modernism of the early 20th century, the artistic philosophy and methods of Chinese and Japanese painting, as well as Renaissance and classical concepts, all provide some bearings for my ongoing voyage into uncharted territory."

Meet the artists and mingle, amid festive entertainment and a wine reception. The exhibit runs through March 28, and is open to the public. All works will be for sale. Admission to the demonstration and reception is free for members of the Art League and \$5 for guests.

The Art League, Marco Island's nonprofit Center for the Arts, is located at 1010 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday. For more information call 394-4221 or visit www.marcoislandart.com.

