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“The Faces of Diversity” Drawings by Ahni Sallaway

Opens October 1 at Himmelfarb Gallery, Maryland University of Integrative Health

LAUREL, MD – “The Faces of Diversity” features India ink drawings by Annapolis artist Ahni Sallaway, and opens Thursday, October 1 in the Himmelfarb Gallery at Maryland University of Integrative Health, with an Artist Reception from 5:00-7:30 p.m., which is free and open to the public.

“The Faces of Diversity” is a unique portrait show for the Himmelfarb Gallery. “I am struck by the power and simplicity of Ahni’s drawings,” says gallery coordinator John C. Wilson. “Her artist statement was just as powerful. In it she says, ‘the portraits express individuality, but also our shared humanity.’ ”

Faces are something that everyone has, and they are all around us. We look at them every day. They are right out there for everyone to see. There is so much to observe in a face. Sallaway says, “They can make me high. You can feel the human condition in another’s face and recognize yourself.” Not only can we identify each face as a unique individual, but they convey so much more; what we are thinking and feeling, how we see the world and how it has treated us, as well as how we connect to others.

While faces provide distinct identity, they also provide connection. This exhibition grows out of one called “I Am You” created in the hope of inspiring peace and connection. “If we look closely at each face, and then at each other, we realize that we are more alike than different,” says Sallaway. “There is beauty in our diversity and our connection makes us one. We are all part of a wonderful global mix.”

Artwork from the exhibit will be on sale through the Meeting Point bookstore, which is adjacent to the gallery. Visit the Himmelfarb Gallery online at <http://www.muuh.edu/campus-community/about-campus/himmelfarb-gallery>.

What: “The Faces of Diversity,” Drawings by Ahni Sallaway

When: October 1 – December 19, 2015

Where: Himmelfarb Gallery, Maryland University of Integrative Health
7750 Montpelier Rd., Laurel, MD 20723

Gallery Hours: Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday: 8 a.m.– 4 p.m.

Artist Reception: Thursday, October 1, 2015 from 5:00– 7:30 p.m.

About Ahni Sallaway

Ms. Sallaway has studied art at New York University, the Art Students League, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, as well as at the University of Urbino in Italy. She holds a B.S. in Art Education from NYU. Additionally, she has taught art while living in New York and Paris, France. Moving to Annapolis in 1986, Sallaway opened a design studio, creating and selling artistic women’s clothing to over 1,500 stores in the U.S. and abroad. She closed the clothing business in 2012 and started painting full-time, and now works in a variety of media including oils, India ink, spray painting, and digital art. She has exhibited widely, including Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts (Annapolis), Light House Art Center Museum (FL), George Mason University (VA), and Artprize (MI). You can also see Sallaway’s work at www.ahnisallaway.com

About Maryland University of Integrative Health

Maryland University of Integrative Health (MUIH) educates practitioners and leaders in health and wellness through transformative and relationship-centered programs that integrate ancient wisdom and contemporary science. MUIH offers graduate degrees and certificates in a wide range of wellness fields, as well as programs for professional and personal development. The on-campus Natural Care Center offers compassionate and affordable healthcare from student interns and professional practitioners, delivering more than 35,000 clinical treatments a year.

About the Himmelfarb Gallery

The lobby of MUIH’s main campus building serves as the gallery space and features four exhibits each year that focus on some aspect of healing, wellness, or nature. Since opening in April 2003, the gallery has displayed paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, fabrics, and artist-made paper. For more information, please visit www.muuh.edu.

High-resolution images are available upon request.

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