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Ybor Campus Art Gallery
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Gil DeMeza, *Notes of Interest* HCC Ybor City Art Gallery, Jan 5-26, 2012

Tampa, Fl.--Hillsborough Community College's Ybor Campus Art Gallery will present a solo exhibition by Professor Emeritus of the University of Tampa, **Gil DeMeza, January 5-26, 2012**. A **Reception With the Artist** will take place **Tuesday, January 17, 5:30pm to 8:00pm** with a **Gallery Talk** at **6:30**. The gallery is located on the first floor of the Performing Arts Building, Palm Ave and 15th Street and is free and open to the public.

Born in Ybor City, DeMeza received his BA in painting from the University of Tampa, and an MFA from the University of Georgia, at the height of the Vietnam War. His mixed media work stems from childhood memories, mythology, ancient art, literature and music. "I have pursued a direction in my work that is far more process oriented and sensual," DeMeza states. "While it contains several elements suggesting literal content, its overriding emphasis is in its structural formality."

"The music of modern and contemporary composers has been most influential to my development as an artist. My undergraduate studies centered on music for the first four years and the visual arts, painting in particular, at the end. Since graduate school, I have spent most of my teaching career in the area of sculpture, first as a necessity for employment and, eventually, out of love. Now my work goes from two to three dimensions without hesitation or constraints. It is a wonderful time for me, given the freedom I feel to explore and discover."

"At its core," DeMeza supposes, "I am involved with the sublime conflict between conscious control and the unconscious will."

Gallery hours are Mon and Weds-Fri 10am to 4pm and Tuesdays noon to 7pm. For further details please contact Carolyn Kossar, 813.253.7674, ckossar@hccfl.edu.

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