



# Lake Eustis Museum of Art

## News Release

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### Lake Eustis Museum of Art Announces Exhibition and New Hours of Operation

**Harold Garde: Sophisticated Spontaneity March 27 – May 18, 2008**  
**OPENING RECEPTION: Thursday, March 27, 6 – 8 p.m.**

**February 20, 2008, Eustis, FL** – The Lake Eustis Museum of Art is pleased to present **Harold Garde: Sophisticated Spontaneity** from March 27 through May 18, 2008. The exhibition will be on view in the Museum and in Eustis City Hall Gallery. The opening wine and hors d'oeuvres reception will be held on Thursday, March 27 from 6-8 p.m. in both locations. The evening is free and open to the public.

**Sophisticated Spontaneity** highlights pieces hand-selected by Harold Garde, an accomplished artist, professor and academic. With a background in abstract expressionism, Garde often begins his compositions with no preconceived image, until the works evolve and take shape as recognizable objects with bold, vivid colors. The intention of Garde's compositions is to engage the viewer, promote thought and evoke emotion. **Sophisticated Spontaneity** features acrylic paintings on canvas and paper, and works in Garde's own "strappo" technique of dry acrylic transfer. The artist states, "This method of creating and transferring images can encourage spontaneity of application while giving me the time to establish the ultimate control I want."



*Dancer*, Harold Garde, acrylic on canvas, 44 x 55 in., 2004. On loan from Gail and Alex Demers.

#### **New Hours of Operation**

Effective Sunday, March 30, 2008, the Lake Eustis Museum of Art will expand its weekend hours to include Sundays from 12 to 4pm to increase visitation opportunities. In accordance with the new schedule, the Museum will be closed to the public on Mondays beginning Monday, March 31, 2008.

#### **About the Museum**

Located in Historic Eustis, the Lake Eustis Museum of Art is dedicated to cultivating, exhibiting and collecting the contemporary artistic identity of the southeast region of the United States and to engaging and educating the Central Florida community in the appreciation of its artistic relevance.

Lake Eustis Museum of Art is located at 200 B East Orange Avenue, Eustis, FL 32726-1439. Admission is free, except for special events. The Museum is open Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday noon to 4 p.m., and closed on Mondays and major holidays. Eustis City Hall Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., is free and open to the general public. For further information, call 352.483.2900 or visit us at [www.LakeEustisMuseumofArt.org](http://www.LakeEustisMuseumofArt.org) or [www.MySpace.com/LakeEustisArt](http://www.MySpace.com/LakeEustisArt).

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