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The Grand Hand Gallery is pleased to announce

Visual Jazz

June 17-July 8, 2009

Opening Reception: Wednesday, June 17, 6-9 PM

We are JAZZED that the Twin Cities Jazz Festival will be happening June 18-20 in St. Paul this year, and we have teamed up with KBEM Jazz88FM to kick off the Festival with this exhibition of jazz-inspired artwork. Our guest curator for the show is St. Paul artist and jazz fan **Seitu Jones** – exhibiting artists will be announced in late May. Don't miss this **mid-week opening** with live music, wine, hors d'oeuvres and an opportunity to meet Seitu and the artists!



About Seitu Jones

Seitu is a Twin Cities environmental artist who has created a number of public art pieces including a mural for the Catholic Charities Building in Minneapolis and a Wabasha Street wall relief in St. Paul. He has participated in installations at venues including the National Afro-American Museum in Wilberforce, OH, The Kentucky Craft Gallery in Louisville, and Harvard University at Cambridge, MA. He is the recipient of awards from both the McKnight and Bush Foundations.

Ta-coumba Aiken, Figures, Acrylic on Paper

About The Twin Cities Jazz Festival

The Festival is one of the largest civic events in the upper Midwest, attracting thousands of people to the joy of jazz. Events of the festival are held in the downtown area of St. Paul, including Mears Park, located in the heart of the historic Lowertown neighborhood. Headliners at the free concerts in the park include Allen Toussaint (June 19), the New Standards (June 20) and Esperanza Spalding (June 20). For more information, see www.twincitiesjazzfestival.com



About The Grand Hand Gallery

The Grand Hand Gallery was opened in August, 2004 by owner Ann Ruhr Pifer as the Twin Cities premier gallery of fine American craft. The artwork featured in the gallery reflects her particular affinity for work that conveys a strong sense of authenticity – that shows “the hand of the artist” at work; the processes used to create each piece; and frequently the influence of the particular time or place in which the artist was working. The gallery carries the work of artists and craftspeople from across the country, with a particular emphasis on those from the Upper Midwest. Approximately eight times per year, the gallery highlights the work of one or two artists in a special exhibition. The Grand Hand has recently been featured in *Minnesota Monthly*, *Minneapolis / St. Paul Magazine*, *Midwest Home*, *American Craft*, *The Crafts Report*, *St. Paul Illustrated*, and was named “**Best New Gallery**” in 2007 and a “**Top Retailer**” of American craft in 2007 and 2008 by *NICHE* magazine.

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 11am-6pm
Thursday: 11am-7pm
Sunday: noon-5pm

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