

LABOR OF LOVE

The First Friday Gallery Walk features artwork inspired by love

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A gallery owner's love of displaying art, an artist's love of drawing, painting and crafting, and an art critic's love of telling people what he or she thinks all make art a labor of love.

This month's First Friday Gallery Walk will highlight the opening of a new gallery (for the second month in a row) and valentine-inspired artwork—paintings, collages, sculptures and ceramics.

On the first Friday of every month, citizens can participate in a gallery walk around downtown that showcases sculptures, paintings, collages, photography, oils, water colors, blown glass and pastels.

The gallery walk is led by KUGN's Critic-At-Large, Fred Crafts. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Criterion Gallery, 35 W. Eighth Ave., formerly known as Soaring Wings. The tour will then move on to Jacobs Gallery, Provenance Gallery, Opus 5, Alder Gallery, Kudos and Circle of Hands.

For the second consecutive month the gallery walk will begin the tour at a new gallery, Crafts said.

"[The arts] have a real commitment to downtown Eugene," Crafts said. "Strength comes in numbers."

He also said he was very excited to see what art does and can do for downtown Eugene.

"The arts are revitalizing the downtown area," Crafts said.

Another highlight of the evening will be that some of the galleries will have valentine-inspired art. Some of the artwork may not look like valentines or be heart-shaped, but they might bring back a memory of the past, of loved ones or of family.

"On a cold night like this, romance will be in the air," he said. "We'll all huddle together."

The tour starts at Criterion Gallery, formerly Soaring Wings. Owner Mark Watkins has moved the gallery from its original location at 760 Willamette St. to a new space around the corner. The new location doubles the floor space, enabling patrons to see more easily its extensive collection of prints by contemporary national artists.

The gallery will draw on works from its array of famous artists like Bev Doolittle and her paint-

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Folk Singer Baez performs at Hult Center

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In her 25 years as a world-famous folk singer Joan Baez has never stopped touring.

And Tuesday, Feb. 6, the voice that made folk history will be ringing at the Hult Center as she continues her latest tour.

Baez, now 54, is promoting her latest album, *Ring Them Bells*, a live album which includes songs recorded with Mary Chapin Carpenter, Indigo Girls and Janis Ian.

Known for her pure, powerful voice, Baez has been recognized as both an ingenious song writer and an inspired composer.

She gained fame in the early 1960s with ballads such as "The Lily of The West" and "The Night They Drove Old

Dixie Down."

An ill-fated, but musically successful, relationship with singer Bob Dylan produced several songs written by Dylan for Baez, including the album's cover "Ring Them Bells."

More than 50 years after her first commercial recording, the voice that changed folk music forever still elicits strong responses from her audiences.

Mary Chapin Carpenter, who accompanies Baez singing "Diamonds and Dust" on the latest album, said singing with Baez was one of her highest aspirations as a musician, according to a press release.

"There's only one voice like that," Chapin Carpenter said. "It gives me goose bumps. It's a seminal voice, tattooed on my heart."

Baez began her career as a folk singer while still in her teens. She appeared at the Newport Folk Festival in 1959 and headlined at the Monterey Folk Festival in 1963.

Since then, she has become one of the most influential, and enduring, folk musicians of the era.

According to a recent *USA Today* article, Baez "laid the groundwork for many of the intelligent, folk-tinged female artists who've emerged in the past decade."

Baez will be performing Tuesday with Dar Williams, who also appears on her *Ring Them Bells* album.

Tickets are available at the Hult Center ticket office or by calling 687-5000. Cost is \$20.50 or \$22, depending on seat location.



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Joan Baez will perform Tuesday at the Hult.

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