

“CLOUDSCAPES” EXHIBIT OPENS SEPT. 23

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Re: Corby Skinner, “Cloudscapes: 35 Drawings of Air,” an exhibition of recent drawings

Opening reception—Thursday, September 24, 5–7pm
Exhibition—September 23–October 14, 2009
Ryniker-Morrison Gallery, Tech Hall
Rocky Mountain College
1511 Poly Drive
Billings, Montana

Billings -- Rocky Mountain College presents the exhibition, “Cloudscapes: 35 Drawings of Air,” drawings by Corby Skinner, at the Ryniker-Morrison Gallery in Tech Hall, from September 23 through October 14, 2009. An opening reception honoring the artist will be held on Thursday, September 24, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to the exhibition and reception.

Skinner began this series of vibrant cloudscapes in November 2008 when his mother was seriously ill. He found that drawing helped him cope with the intense emotions and uncertainty he and his family were experiencing.

“I found peace in exploring the pure abstraction of color, line and shape. And, winter skies are often so dramatic,” he said.

As a long-time recycler before recycling became hip, Skinner scavenged in thrift and second hand stores for frames and art supplies, “giving them new life.”

Corby Skinner earned his MFA at Claremont Graduate School in Claremont, Calif. Currently an independent marketing professional, he is a partner with Skinner Benoit Public Relations. His work is evident in all aspects of performing, visual and literary arts. For 16 years he led the marketing and programming for the Alberta Bair Theater. Skinner also directs the Writer’s Voice of the Billings YMCA and has served as Arts and Humanities Field Coordinator for the National YMCA of the USA. In addition, he has served on the boards of Downtown Billings Association and Community Concerts Association and is past chair of the Montana Committee for the Humanities. He has been an active volunteer for the Yellowstone Art Museum and the Billings Community Foundation.

Skinner’s work was recognized with a 2009 Montana Governor’s Humanities Award. He uses his home, the Castle at 622 North 29th, as an alternative exhibition space for local

artists.

The Ryniker-Morrison Gallery is on the first floor in Tech Hall, the building between the library and the football field. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. –4:00 .pm., and by appointment (contact Jane Deschner, 248-7494).

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