Giarrizzo Exhibit "Between the Lines" in the Ryniker-Morrison Gallery at Rocky Mountain College
Exhibit Dates: February 13-March 8, 2013
Reception: Thursday, February 14, 2013 from 4:00-7:00 pm in Tech Hall
Gallery Talk: Noon on February 14 in the Gallery

BASEBALL THE THEME OF ‘BETWEEN THE LINES’ AT RMC’S RYNIKER-MORRISON

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Image attached: Watercolor studies from "Between the Lines"

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BILLINGS -- It has been over a decade since John Giarrizzo has exhibited in Billings, but his work
will be featured beginning Feb. 13 and continuing to March 8 at Ryniker Morrison Gallery in Tech
Hall, on the campus of Rocky Mountain College.

"Between the Lines" will include new oil paintings and watercolor studies of baseball. As the
father of a son who loved baseball and played on Little League, Babe Ruth, American Legion
teams and went on to play college baseball at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon,
Giarrizzo began to see the game of baseball differently than he knew it growing up in Cleveland
as a die hard fan of the Cleveland Indians.

"Images of baseball serve as a metaphor for studying human beings in space and time. The
season is long and mostly slow, repetitious, mundane and uneventful until a moment changes
everything. It is more about the pursuit than any one single accomplishment. Statistics matter
only over a long period of time," he explained.

Giarrizzo will give a noon gallery talk in the Ryniker-Morrison Gallery on Thursday, February 14.
There will be a reception, free and open to the public, the same day, from 4 -7 p.m.

Following his son's baseball trek, Giarrizzo drove hundreds of miles to Wyoming towns like Rock
Springs, Gillette, Worland and Cowley to watch and sketch young baseball players pursuing their
dreams. This exhibit is a tribute to his passion for those small towns and their baseball fields, and
the human spirit played out in every game.

Giarrizzo is remembered for his "Guardian Children," which was exhibited in the Yellowstone Art
Museum in 1992. Then he brought back to the museum his "Mia Famiglia" exhibit in 1995. Those
exhibits included the hard-to-forget images from the 17th century Italian artist Caravaggio that
served as the background to images of contemporary Italians. Giarrizzo started visiting Italy in
1985 and those images recorded his passion for the place.

Giarrizzo is an associate professor at art at Northwest College in Powell, Wyoming where he has
been teaching since 1981. He is the recipient of the Wyoming Governor's Art Award in 2003, two
Wyoming Arts Council Fellowships in Painting (1987, 1993) and served two Ucross Residencies
(1987, 2004.) His work is in the permanent collections of the Yellowstone Art Museum and the
Buffalo Bill Historical Center. He has an MFA in painting and drawing from the University of
Colorado, Boulder.

The Ryniker-Morrison Gallery is located in Tech Hall on the campus of Rocky Mountain College.
Gallery hours are M-F, 9:00-4:00 pm. For more information, contact sally.mcintosh@rocky.edu.

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