

## East Georgia College Alumnus to Show at the Kalmanson Gallery

David Barron was born in Jacksonville, Florida. In his early teen years he moved to Soperton, Georgia where he graduated from Treutlen County High School in 1975. He enrolled at what was then ECJC (Emanuel County Junior College) where his study in fine arts began under the instruction of Professor Neil Kalmanson. He continued his art education at GSU (Georgia Southern University) where he was among one of the first to graduate from the new BFA program established there in the mid 80's.

David first developed his sand painting technique while taking MFA level painting courses at GSU. He later moved to Knoxville after being accepted into the MFA sculpture program at University of Tennessee.

David was 1 of 30 artists selected for an international group show titled, "Artist's Respond to War", at the ATHICA Gallery in Athens, GA. He was recently accepted into a juried art competition at the Lyndon House Museum in Athens, GA. where he received an honorable mention award from the curator of the Louisiana Museum of Art.

David says of his art "I've been exploring my technique of sand painting since the mid 80's. I began using sand as a vehicle of expression for several reasons. The main purpose was to facilitate spontaneity, movement and a sense of freedom during the creation process. The technique lets the painting flow freely from the subconscious, allowing "*pseudo accidents*" to occur, (Adolph Gottlieb called this style, "*controlled chaos*"). Jackson Pollock, Adolph Gottlieb, Egon Shiele and Jules Olitsky have all played a part in helping me find my way as an artist. People ask which painting is my favorite and I always reply, "The next one". Barron smiles as he says this and goes on to explain "It is the act of painting that is the most rewarding."

Barron's show opens at the Kalmanson Gallery, located at the Emanuel Arts Center, 303 North Green Street (across from Dr. Shellie Louis's office), February 8 and will remain on display through March 1<sup>st</sup>. A reception will be held the 8<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 PM where David Barron will speak further about his artwork. The event is open and free to the public where light refreshments will be served. After the opening a musical event will be held at Main Street Market on the Boneyard.

For more information about this and other art and cultural related events you may contact the Emanuel Arts Center by calling 478-237-2592 during regular office hours Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 AM to 4 PM, email [emanuelarts@bellsouth.net](mailto:emanuelarts@bellsouth.net), or find them on Facebook.