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Akus Gallery to Host Heavy Industry

Willimantic, CT—The Akus Gallery at Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) will host artists Matthew Bliss and Bonnie Lucas as they present their sculptures and paintings in the exhibit “Heavy Industry” from Aug. 26 – Oct. 3. A talk with the artists is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 23 at 3 p.m., followed by a reception from 5 – 7 p.m.

“Bliss and Lucas combine visual erudition with great manual skills,” writes art critic George Negrofonte. “Their art is permeated with the values of work, integrity, daring and mastery. They are the heroes of their own heavy industry: a solitary world in which persistence and perseverance still prevails.”

Each artist explores the art-making process in depth, often taking several years to produce a painting or sculpture. Their method could be described as archaeological, as the form or image is revealed only after many layers are added and removed over time.

The Akus Gallery, located on the lower level of Shafer Hall, at the intersection of Windham and Valley Streets, is open from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 1 p.m. – 7 p.m. on Thursdays, and 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. It is closed on Mondays and Fridays.

For more information please contact the Akus Gallery at (860) 465-4659 or visit <http://www.easternct.edu/depts/akus/>

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