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PACE Announces Reopening and Newest Gallery Exhibit

Hoff Family Arts & Culture Center features acclaimed artist, Jave Yoshimoto's Ruinous Microcosm January 22

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA – The Hoff Family Arts & Culture Center welcomes back visitors Friday, January 22 for *Ruinous Microcosm*, a new art installation by Jave Yoshimoto. With new safety measures and reduced visitor capacity, the exhibit opening reception will begin at 6:30pm with remarks from Yoshimoto at 7:00pm.

Jave Yoshimoto is an artist and educator from a multicultural background. He was born in Japan to Chinese parents and immigrated to the United States at a young age. Yoshimoto has since traveled and lived in various states, which influenced his artistic practice. He believes in creating works of art that are socially conscious and true to his authentic self.

“We lose ourselves in fear and forget how to connect and be compassionate towards those different from us,” Yoshimoto says.

Yoshimoto's painting, laser engraved, and carved sculptures display elements of satire, politics, and themes of tragedy and hope.

He has been featured in numerous publications such as Huffington Post, Chicago Tribune, New American Paintings, Guernica Magazine, among others. Yoshimoto received a letter of recognition from the United Nations and exhibited his works nationally and internationally.

“Yoshimoto's work is extremely accessible and visually stunning. It captures moments in history and humanity that are often too quickly forgotten in the information age,” said PACE CEO Danna Kehm. “You can feel the struggle and emotion in his contemporary depictions of modern disasters.”

Alongside the exhibition, PACE will be facilitating inspiring, compelling and educational content via virtual tours, online classes, digital productions and social media outreach! PACE encourages those interested to check their website www.paceartsiowa.org/calendar as more classes and events are added.

Exhibition: Ruinous Microcosm

Host Organization: PACE

Runs: January 22 – April 10

Opening Reception: Friday Jan 22 6:30p

Gallery Hours: Saturdays from 12:00-5:00PM

Registration is encouraged at <https://www.paceartsiowa.org/calendar> or by calling 712-890-5600.

Location: Hoff Family Arts & Culture Center, Nelson Gallery, 1001 S 6th Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Admission: Free

Contact: 712-890-5600

Due to previous Coronavirus COVID-19 closures, a significant revenue shortfall is expected for the first year of opening. Now, more than ever, PACE needs your help to support ongoing Hoff Center operations. Members of the community who would like to contribute can visit the PACE's website, www.paceartsiowa.org/donate.

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ABOUT PACE

PACE developed and manages the Hoff Family Arts & Culture Center which includes a theater, rehearsal areas, gallery, artist studios, classrooms, teaching kitchen, and more. It is the home for multiple nonprofits including PACE, Chanticleer Community Theater, Kanesville Symphony Orchestra, American Midwest Ballet, and Kitchen Council. Together, we increase access to the Arts and promote Council Bluffs as a center for excellence in the Arts. For more information visit www.paceartsiowa.org.

The Hoff Family Arts & Culture Center is reopening with stringent new health, safety and hygiene procedures in place. So, as we enjoy the art center together again, everyone will need to follow CDC guidelines and the recommendations of health officials regarding COVID-19. Please note the CDC advises that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Guests should evaluate their risk in determining whether to visit. Any interaction with the general public poses an elevated risk of being exposed to COVID-19, and we cannot guarantee that you will not be exposed during your visit. Guests are required to wear face masks while visiting the Hoff Family Arts & Culture Center.