

Press Release

***Harmony & Balance***

**Where:**

Koch Hazard Architects  
431 N. Phillips Ave., Ste. 200  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

**When:**

November 23 through January 4

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SIoux FALLS, SD, DECEMBER 6, 2007 - Harmony & Balance, the newest art exhibition to be added to the growing downtown art scene, is available for viewing at the Koch Hazard Architects building on North Phillips Avenue in downtown Sioux Falls.

For the past 10 years, Koch Hazard Architects have showcased local and regional artwork through its annual gallery show. The exhibition highlights art, architecture, and artists in the region and includes an architectural theme.

"We do what we can to encourage cultural awareness as well as support the local arts scene," explains Stacey McMahan of Koch Hazard Architects. "Our gallery exhibitions also demonstrate our commitment to art in architecture, and enliven our own work environment."

Eyob Mergia is a painting artist based in Sioux Falls. He is of Ethiopian origin and studied art in Addis Ababa University and also in Augustana College. Currently, his studio is located in Piper's Custom Framing and Art Decor In Sioux Falls. Eyob's goal for the exhibition was to create a sense of awareness with beauty among the public. As an artist, he creates imaginative elements that viewers have never seen or thought to see before. The paintings convey a sense of joy, healing, music and the power of creativity.

Edward is a self-employed artist and owner of Artistic Renovations, a business specializing in residential historic restorations. He is involved in the arts in Sioux Falls because to him, it's more than something to do; it's simply the nature of who he is.

"I believe in sharing the process of creativity by putting it in the 'everyday' for people to see and appreciate," says Edward.

The Koch Hazard Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8-5 p.m. until January 4, 2008. Koch Hazard Architects is an architecture, planning and interiors firm providing services within the region to produce innovative design and effective delivery of quality projects.

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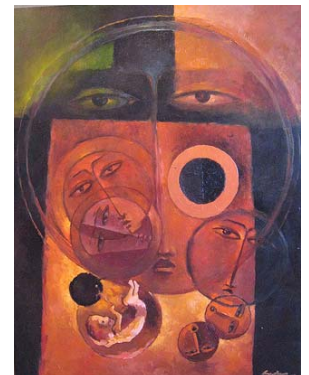
*After Caravaggio Original*  
by Eyob



*Writing Desk* by Edward Thompson



*Monks* by Eyob Mergia



*Human Instinct* by Eyob Mergia