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Renton Municipal Arts Commission presents Oil Painter Don Haggerty at Carco Theatre

The Renton Municipal Arts Commission proudly presents original oil artwork by painter Don Haggerty. The exhibit will be on display August 30 through October 8, 2010. Members of the public are welcome to attend the opening reception on Saturday, September 11, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to view the art and meet the artist.

Don Haggerty is an artist with two first loves—brushwork and figurative painting. These he expresses through oil on canvas and his work can frequently be seen exhibited throughout the Puget Sound region. Don was born in Seattle but grew up in Taiwan where he acknowledges having gained from Chinese artists his deep appreciation for the beauty and power of a finely executed brush stroke—"a brush ballet," Don calls it.

After moving back to Seattle in the 1970s, it wasn't until 1994 that he began painting seriously the plein air landscapes of Whidbey Island and the North Cascades. Through frequent visits to museums and galleries, Don has been highly influenced by the works of Monet, Klimt, N.C. Wyeth, Bill Cumming, J.W. Waterhouse and John Singer Sargent. "It was by studying the works of such artists," he says, "that I gained permission to paint freely in my own style." In 1999, Don turned to figurative painting, which continues to be his focus.

For more information and to view Don's portfolio, visit www.donhaggerty.com.

Carco Theatre, adjacent to the Renton Community Center, is located at 1717 Maple Valley Highway at the intersection of I-405 and Maple Valley Highway. Theatre hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with additional viewing on show nights. Please contact the theatre for show times at 425-430-6706 or at rentonwa.gov.

For more information about the Renton Municipal Arts Commission, visit ArtsCommission.rentonwa.gov.

