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REACH CDC Celebrates Portland's First Thursday Artists

Works from four local artists on display in downtown Portland

PORTLAND, Ore. – November 6, 2013 – [REACH CDC](#) is celebrating one of Portland's most renowned art happenings, First Thursday. Tomorrow, **November 7th from 5:30 – 6:30 pm** REACH is hosting a viewing of selected pieces by four resident artists at the **Westshore Apartments, 222 SW Pine Ave** in the lobby. Works are installed in street-facing display windows. Works will be exhibited through mid-December. Northwest artists featured include:

Vika Camp, a self-taught artist who sees painting as her gateway into a world that's peaceful and serene. She sees beauty and inspiration all around, especially during her solo trips down to the Oregon Coast.

Meriem Elatra a portrait painter in oils and watercolors. Meriem was raised in Algiers, Algeria and moved to Portland in 2010 to explore the Pacific Northwest. Her current series in Indian ink on paper represents Algerian women in their traditional outfit from the late 19th century to early 20th. What lies behind these eyes and expressions is what inspires her work.

Candyce Scott explores color, form, texture and motion in her sculptural works. Based in Portland, Oregon, she's transforming her love for "emotionally uplifting art that brings happiness" into installations, mobiles, and earrings. Candyce has created three large mobiles, all permanent installations in Portland located at Transition Projects, the First Unitarian Church, and the Artist's Repertory Theater. The recent installation at the Westshore Apartment complex is representative of her work with the colors giving it a Southwestern flavor.

Matt Sproul's drawings are a tribute to all of the victims of the attacks of September 11, 2001. He also wanted to recognize the World Trade Center itself. To him, the Twin Towers were structures of majestic simplicity, designed by architect Minoru Yamasaki. The towers were only in place for twenty-eight short years in lower Manhattan.



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About REACH CDC

For 31 years, REACH has built innovative and affordable housing for low-income families and individuals in the Portland metropolitan region. REACH develops and manages affordable housing and provides supportive services to our residents, as well as free home repairs to senior homeowners. Today, REACH's portfolio includes 1,852 units including single family homes, apartment buildings, and mixed-use developments located across the region. REACH has won numerous state and national awards for its creative approach to building healthy communities and its innovative housing projects. More information at <http://reachcdc.org>.

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