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## MacMurray's Art Gallery hosts Modern Art Collection Exhibition



JACKSONVILLE, Ill. – The Art

Committee of MacMurray College in conjunction with the MacMurray College Art Department, are pleased to announce the upcoming public exhibition of the Vera Maxine & Albert H. Ratcliffe Modern Art Collection. The exhibit will run through March 25, 2010. A closing reception will be held on Thursday, March 25 at 6:00 p.m., in the Appelebee Art

Gallery of MacMurray's Putnam Center for Art, on the southeast corner of Clay and State Streets. The event is free and open to the public.

This exhibition is a display of recent acquisitions to the MacMurray College's permanent collection. The 35-piece Ratcliffe Collection is composed of abstract and expressionist artworks that explore numerous artistic directions of the 70s, 80s and 90s. The collection includes paintings, photographs, and prints by more than 20 modern artists. Some of the artists represented in the collection include Josef Albers, Robert

Cottingham, Richard Diebenkorn, Leon Glob, Keiko Hara, Robert Sestos, Frank Lloyd Wright and Victor Savagely.

Associate Professor of Art and Applebee Gallery director, Ray Yeager, curates the exhibition. Yeager says, “MacMurray College is thrilled to bring the Ratcliffe’s collection to the people of Jacksonville. This exhibition highlights many of the collection’s important works by modern masters and demonstrates the important role that the art patron plays in developing a college’s collection.”

The Ratcliffe Collection has been donated to MacMurray College and will be added to its permanent collection at the close of the exhibition. The collection was a generous gift from 1943 MacMurray College alumna Vera Maxine Ratcliffe and her husband, Albert H. Ratcliffe. President Colleen Hester hailed the gift, saying, “We are so pleased that Vera Maxine Ratcliffe’s MacMurray college education deepened her passion for art and culminated in her wish that this sizable modern art collection would create a sustainable legacy for students and citizens of the region. We are grateful to Mrs. and Mr. Ratcliffe for their generosity and commitment to the MacMurray college legacy of transforming lives.”

The gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, you may call 217-479-7093.

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**About MacMurray College**—Founded in 1846, MacMurray College is a private, four-year liberal arts coeducational institution, located in historic Jacksonville, Illinois. MacMurray’s open, informal environment stresses academic excellence, career building through hands-on experience and personal attention to the well-rounded development of all students. MacMurray is affiliated with the United Methodist Church.