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Mount Mary College Marian Gallery Opens Bazyli Studio Exhibit

“Inspired Design” features playful, provocative adornment

MILWAUKEE (September 1, 2010) “Inspired Design,” a new exhibit featuring works by Door County’s Bazyli Studio artists Skye and Peter Ciesla will be on display Sept. 19 – Oct. 22, 2010 in Mount Mary College’s Marian Art Gallery. An artists’ reception will take place Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Gallery located on the first floor of Caroline Hall on the College campus. The event is free and open to the public.

Ciesla’s works include painted, sculptural pieces constructed from fiber. Skye’s collection features a series of neckwear inspired by a set of cards with geometric designs, which were in turn inspired by crop circle designs around the globe. “I find the symbolism ancient as well as futuristic,” she stated.

Ciesla, a fiber artist and clothing designer, found jewelry and accessories to be a natural extension of his couture custom clothing business on Chicago’s North Shore in the 1990’s. Skye started out as a stone sculptor in the 1980’s, moving into hand woven fiber, wood and beads in the late 90’s. They combined their creativity and talents as a husband/wife artist team, and launched Bazyli Studio in 2002. Bazyli has since become recognized from coast to coast for its dynamic style. The artists show their work in fashion shows, galleries and clothing boutiques throughout the United States.

“As jewelry designers, with links to both the fashion world and the art world, we have developed a signature style with our hand-embroidered and woven pieces,” Ciesla stated. “Our forms are constantly changing to keep things fresh and new.”

View photos from the exhibit at mtmary.edu/marian.htm. More information about the artists can be found at bazylistudio.com.

Marian Gallery is located on the first floor of Caroline Hall at 2900 N. Menomonee River Parkway and is open Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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