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CHANGE OF ELEVATION

NEIL CHRISTENSEN

JUNE 25 – AUGUST 1, 2010

OPENING RECEPTION, JUNE 25, 6-8 PM

Kiechel Fine Art is proud to announce *Change of Elevation*, a farewell show for still-life artist Neil Christensen. After 35 years in Lincoln, the Nebraska native is moving to Colorado. The show, which combines new and old works by Christensen, will run June 25 to August 1, 2010, at Kiechel Fine Art, 5733 S. 34th St. Suite 300, in Lincoln.

Using a combination of cool light, low vantage points and shallow space, Christensen's still life paintings evoke a feeling of quiet monumentality. While depending on a classic subject matter, the artist reflects his contemporary roots and training in abstract art by juxtaposing objects of contrasting color, shape and texture.

"I see myself as a modernist trying to make my way in the post-modern world," Christensen said. "I'm O.K. with that. What I try to do is to be as sincere, direct, and honest with myself as I can. I try to follow my nature and have fun in this exploration that I'm doing."

Christensen refers to the Italian still life painter Giorgio Morandi's adage that to achieve understanding, it is not necessary for one to see many things, but to look hard at that which one does see. He views each object as a symbol of something greater.

"Each painting is a journey that helps me examine what's important in painting, and also in life," Christensen said. "It gives me time to contemplate the big questions in life and occasionally find an answer."

"What a great—and humbling and scary—thing to do when the only limitation you have is your imagination."

Christensen received both his B.F.A. and M.F.A degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. His numerous honors include solo and group exhibitions at the Museum of Nebraska Art and the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery.

***Change of Elevation* opens Friday, June 25, with a reception 6-8 p.m. Work by Christensen can be viewed on the Kiechel Fine Art website, WWW.KIECHELART.COM. Kiechel Fine Art will continue to represent Christensen, even as he moves from Lincoln.**



LORI'S SWAN, 2010, OIL, 11.5 X 15.5 INCHES



TULIPS, BACKLIT, 2008, OIL ON PANEL, 21 X 20.5 INCHES



T. OFFICINALE, OIL, 2010, 19.25 X 15.25 INCHES