



Savage Arts Council

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Why an Artist Uses a Spray Bottle and Blow Dryer to Create Fine Art

Rick Mittlestadt exhibits fine art paintings at Savage City Art Wall now through October 3.

(Savage) When Rick Mittlestadt fills his spray bottle with water and plugs in the blow dryer, it only means one thing: it is time to paint. Rick, a professional artist from Prior Lake, will be exhibiting his acrylic and watercolor paintings from now through October 3 at the City Art Wall at Savage City Hall, 6000 McColl Drive, Savage MN. Visitors can view his traditional landscape and his abstract paintings that are often created with the help of spray bottles and blow dryers.

Rick, a professionally trained artist and former art instructor, has more than 40 years of experience in multiple art mediums including drawing, water color and jewelry making. His most recent works have focused on acrylics, which is an adaptable paint that is wonderful for a multitude of surfaces, can create sharp edge lines, use thick or thin paint layers and it is easy to clean. Acrylic paint does have challenges however; it dries very quickly and that is why it makes sense that Rick uses a spray bottle to keep the paint wet as he works on it, and a blow dryer to quickly dry the paint if it gets too wet.

"I think of my artwork as a theater production in which the viewer is expected to temporarily suspend disbelief. For the viewer, my artwork becomes a momentary distraction—a gift of enchantment, amusement and emotional connection." - Rick Mittlestadt, Artist

Savage Arts Council organizes the City Art Wall Exhibits to give the community a free and accessible opportunity to experience fine art close to home. The community is encouraged to stop by Savage City Hall and view Rick Mittlestadt's original paintings now through October 3.

City Art Wall Exhibit – Rick Mittlestadt

September 3 – October 3, 2013

Savage City Hall Lobby

6000 McColl Drive, Savage MN

8am - 4:30pm M-F

Free

More Information

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About the Savage Arts Council

The Savage Arts Council is committed to organizing and promoting artistic projects and events within the City of Savage and surrounding communities and to providing regional leadership in the arts. Signature events and programs include the Minnesota River Arts Fair, Savage Juried Art Show & Competition, City Art Wall and Scott County Art Crawl. More information about the Savage Arts Council is available at <http://SavageArtsCouncil.org>.

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