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Paramount Bank Opens “Epic Conditions” Exhibit at Community Arts @ Paramount Gallery

Three artists' works explore contradictory value structures of consumption and industry vs. ecology and humanitarianism

Farmington Hills, Mich., January 26, 2007 - Paramount Bank Ferndale today announced the opening of its newest Community Arts @ Paramount Gallery exhibit: “Epic Conditions” - featuring paintings and sculptures by three emerging Detroit area artists, Chris Erchick, Nathan Vince and Tim Whitehead. The exhibit will run through February 17, 2006.

“Our society is continually bombarded by two contradictory value structures. One structure values industry and consumption; the other values ecology and humanitarianism,” says the artists’ collective statement. “By using the language of these value systems, the artwork in this show explores the nuances this contradictory paradigm represents.”

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Having received training at three different Detroit area institutions; Cranbrook Academy of Art, Wayne State University and Oakland Community College - all three of the artists are inspired by the Detroit landscape of ruins as the quintessential exemplar of industrial fallout. Once thriving on burgeoning industry, areas of the city now stand in decline as the "permanence" of American industry and ideals crumble into the heap of 20th century landfills. In the face of this decline, the artists question the value of the object and the integrity of permanence.

"These are very talented young artists with strong and vibrant messages that come through in their pieces," says curator Narine Kchikian. "We are pleased to be able to present 'Epic Conditions' at Community Arts @ Paramount Bank and to share it with bank customers and the Ferndale and art communities."

The reception for the exhibit is 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Friday, January 26, 2007. The exhibit will be on display during bank hours at Community Arts @ Paramount Gallery at 22635 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale, MI 48220. Bank hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. – noon. For more information on the gallery and exhibits, visit www.theparamountgallery.com or call (248) 414-6500

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