Adolph Gottlieb Exhibition Opens

An exhibition of paintings by the noted American expressionist Adolph Gottlieb will be on view Sept. 27 through Nov. 8 at the University of Oklahoma's Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, 410 W. Boyd St.


Also planned is a lecture by Sanford Hinch, Gottlieb Foundation executive director, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at the museum. A reception will follow in the Gottlieb Gallery.

Gottlieb is noted for his pictographs—symbolic, graphic representations—created between 1941 and 1955. He also is known for his paintings, known as bursts—landscape formats with a circular sun symbol in the upper portion of the canvas and chaotic masses in the lower portion—which he began in 1956.

The exhibition's 13 major paintings provide a concise view of ideas developed, retained and discarded by the artist as the pictograph evolved into the burst paintings.

The works date from 1946 to 1958 and include examples of the types known as pictographs, imaginary landscapes, unearthy life, landscapes and, of course, bursts. Also included are examples of paintings that fit none of these labels exactly, but attest to the steady progress that typified Gottlieb's method of working.


The Gottlieb exhibition and Hinch lecture are free and open to the public. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. On home football game Saturdays, the museum is open from 10 a.m. until kickoff. For more information, call (405) 325-3272.