Scholder visiting OU

Renowned artist to offer insights

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NORMAN — Internationally renowned artist Fritz Scholder is the University of Oklahoma School of Art’s Distinguished Visiting Artist for Spring 2002.

“During his two-week stay on campus, the public will have several opportunities to see his work, hear him speak and to view his paintings on exhibit in the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art,” said Dr. Andrea Phelan, director of the School of Art.

- Slide Presentation — Thursday, 2-4 p.m., Lightwell Gallery.
- Poetry Reading — Thursday, 7-8 p.m., Old Faculty Club.

Music Evening — Tuesday, 5-7 p.m., Old Faculty Club.
Scholder will be serving as the keynote speaker at the College of Fine Arts Commencement Ceremony, on Saturday, May 11.

“We are extremely fortunate to have the critically acclaimed artist Fritz Scholder as our Distinguished Artist in Residence April 20 to May 10, 2002,” said Phelan. “Thanks to the assistance and cooperation of Eric Lee, director of the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, we are concurrently presenting an exhibition of Mr. Scholder’s recent works including paintings, prints, sculptures and collages in addition to several limited editions of the artist’s books.”

Scholder studied during his high school years under the noted Sioux painter Oscar Howe.

Scholder received a bachelor of arts degree from California State University, Sacramento, where he studied with Wayne Thiebauld; and a master of fine arts degree from the University of Arizona.

In addition to his prolific output as an artist, Scholder taught painting at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe from 1964 to 1969.

He has received numerous awards and fellowships during the last 40 years including honorary doctorates of fine arts degrees from Ripon College, Wis.; Concordia College, Minn.; University of Arizona, Tucson; the College of Santa Fe, N.M.; and the University of Wisconsin, Superior.


He said Scholder’s visit and exhibition were made possible with the support of OU President David L. Boren and his wife, Molly, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Westheimer and Mrs. Joanna Champlin.

“The School of Art is truly blessed by their on-going support and deeply appreciates it,” said Phelan.