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## HCG Gallery Unveils "Compositions, Marks and Arrangements" A collection of the latest works of Floyd Newsum

"Compositions, Marks and Arrangements" is a cross-section of the most recent works of celebrated artist, Floyd Newsum. The exhibit showcases his passion for other cultures, and demonstrates his focus on West African art in his work.



"After the Storm CNN". 82"x52". Acrylic and Oilstick on Paper.

Floyd Newsum, an accomplished painter and print maker with a career spanning four decades, is a Houstonian by way of Memphis. Currently a University of Houston Art Instructor, he spent his childhood years in Tennessee and received his Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts in Memphis before moving to Philadelphia where he built on his existing knowledge and skill to earn a Masters Degree, also in Fine Art. Newsum's work is often filled with a signature combination of marks, and abstract patterns along with fish, birds, and ladders. His compositional style generally feels child-like; however his subject matter centers on cultural climates, political statements, and world events. The contrast of his naïve style and serious state of the world focus lend a multi-dimensional quality to his work. In his own words, Newsum has said "I want to provoke thought or conjecture from the viewer. My paintings are a collection of thoughts in a single composition, with the power to present more than one interpretation."

"Compositions, Marks and Arrangements" will begin with an Artist Reception on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 5-8 PM, and will run through April 11<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the current show at HCG Gallery, Floyd Newsum's work can be seen in many private collections around the country and six museum collections, including the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Museum of Fine Arts Houston and the Art Museum of South Texas in Corpus Christi.

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HCG Gallery is located at 1130 Dragon St, Suite 190, Dallas, TX 75207. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday, 10am -6pm, Saturday, 11am-4pm. For more information, please visit www.hcggallery.com or call 214-760-9230.