

Obituaries

Haynes B. Ownby, Jr., 71

Distinguished artist, instructor

Haynes B. Ownby, Jr., 71, of Provincetown, a well-respected abstract painter and art instructor, died Tuesday at his home following a long illness.

Mr. Ownby was the son of the late Haynes B. Ownby and Annie Laurie (Ganit) Ownby. He was born in Texas and received a BA in Art and English from Southern Methodist University in Dallas in 1952. From graduation through 1956 he studied with abstract expressionist Hans Hofmann in Provincetown. In 1973 he received his MFA from the University of Texas, Austin, in the dual fields of painting (major) and film (minor). In addition to spending many years in Texas, he also lived in Taos, N.M., New York and Europe before moving to Provincetown in 1982.

Ownby's work is characterized by his use of repeating grid patterns which he said freed him from concerns with form and let him concentrate on color. He also worked in what he called semi-automatic drawing mode in which he allowed shapes to reveal themselves on his canvas in much the way the Surrealists once did with their automatic drawing. After the lines were in place, he worked more consciously on the coloration of the resulting spaces.

His work has been featured in numerous shows over the years. Locally, he has shown at the Schoolhouse Center, Cherry

Stone Gallery, Wenninger Gallery, Cortland Jessup Gallery, Tirca Karlis Gallery, Tennyson Gallery and the Provincetown Art Association and Museum, where he was a long-time member. His work is held in private and corporate collections in America and Italy.

He worked as a lecturer at the University of Texas in Austin as well as other public and private schools and organizations. In addition to painting he taught art. In Provincetown he taught privately, taught in the Art Association summer classes and most recently was an instructor for the Provincetown International Art Institute. This past year he received a Pollock/Krasner grant.

The Schoolhouse Center is holding an exhibition of Ownby's work this summer and the Cape Museum of Art in Dennis will be showing a major retrospective from Sept. 15 to Nov. 4 titled "Haynes Ownby: Patterns of Thought." The CMFA show has been in the works for some time executive director/curator Greg Harper said. Ownby had

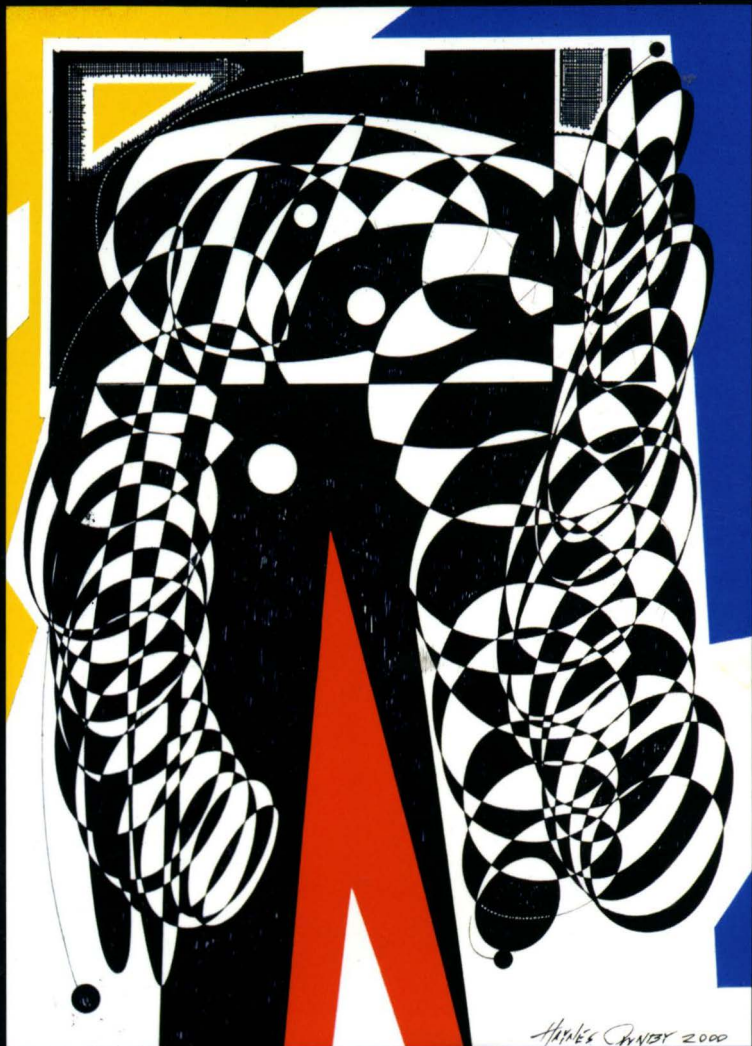


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previously curated the CMFA show of Hofmann students. Harper said he and Ownby had been selecting pieces for the show up until two weeks ago.

Even more, now, I am looking forward to this exhibition," Harper said. "He is a wonderful artist."

Ownby is survived by a brother, John Porter Ownby, and a niece, Patricia Ann McCollom, both of Dallas. A Buddhist Ceremony is planned for this evening, April 12, at 7 p.m. at the McHoul Funeral Home on Harry Kemp Way. A memorial service will be held at a later date.



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