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CoCA Celebrates Publication of “The Stars are Made from Love & Beauty”, an Introduction to the Journals of Joe Reno, Painter

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On Thursday, January 17, 2013, CoCA will celebrate the release of “The Stars are Made from Love & Beauty”, an Introduction to the Journals of Joe Reno, Painter, compiled by David Francis, as part of ART@SDC’s Third Thursdays Open Galleries at Seattle Design Center from 5pm to 9pm. Joe Reno will be in attendance to discuss and autograph their book, available at the event. A reading from excerpts of the journals will take place at 7:00 pm.

Recognized by art critic Matthew Kangas as one of the Northwest's 'new masters,' and widely collected by museums and art aficionados, painter Joseph "Joe" Francis Reno (b. 1943) came to an early understanding that he would be a lifelong artist. His decision to join the Army in 1962, shortly after graduating from Ballard High School in Seattle, launched him on a formative period in his life, as he found solace in art from the demands of military service. By the time he left in 1965, Reno emerged with the clarity and self-understanding that he would live his life dedicated to art.

These excerpts from his journals offer a glimpse of his transformation during 1962-63, while also showcasing his wide-ranging interests in poetics, science, and mysticism. Together, they reveal a relatively unknown side to this fascinating Northwest artist and serve as the third volume in CoCA's Occasional Monograph Series in Artist's Writings, started in 2010.

CoCA serves the Pacific Northwest as a catalyst and forum for the advancement, development, and understanding of Contemporary Art.

ART@SDC is a collection of twelve art galleries at Seattle Design Center, coordinating their activities to provide a more robust experience to the SDC gallery patron.

Summary:

Book Release Party

“The Stars are Made from Love & Beauty”

An Introduction to the Journals of Joe Reno, Painter

Thursday, January 17, 2013 5pm – 9pm, with reading at 7pm

CoCA Georgetown Gallery: Seattle Design Center, Suite 258

5701 6th Avenue South, Seattle WA 98108.
