RIT's University Gallery hosting rare exhibit

The pioneering work of Abram Games, a British graphic designer renowned for his influential wartime poster designs, is on display at University Gallery in Booth Hall on the Rochester Institute of Technology campus through March 9. The exhibition titled "A Record of Britain's Social History" marks the inaugural American show of Games' designs, according to R. Roger Remington, Vignelli Distinguished Professor of Design and director of the Vignelli Center for Design Studies in the College of Art and Design.

Remington said RIT is very fortunate to present such a rare exhibit of graphic design. The show is scheduled to move to the Hofmffe Milken Center for Typography at the Art Center College of Design when it leaves RIT.

"We are indebted to his daughter Naomi Games for the loan of the work, her commitment to the legacy of her father's accomplishments, and for her willingness to visit RIT and share their remarkable history with us," Remington said.

The exhibit highlights 50 of Games' posters as well as his sketches, book covers, stamp designs and more — "all of which demonstrate the lost art of graphic design by hand," Remington said. Naomi Games delivered a public lecture inside the gallery Jan. 22.

RIT's University Gallery is open Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 475-4373 or visit RITgallery.rit.edu.

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IN BRIEF

BME Acquires Geneva Surveying Company

BME Associates of Fairport has acquired Clark Surveyors, a land-surveying firm headquartered in Geneva, in a move designed to extend its reach and services into the central Finger Lakes region.

Financial terms of the acquisition were not disclosed, but BME plans to retain the Clark Surveyors offices at 324 W. North St., Geneva. Clark has been in business for more than two decades and has provided clients with land surveying for hundreds of projects in the Finger Lakes.

"The Finger Lakes area is experiencing steady and increasing growth in tourism, agritourism, wineries, craft breweries and many other endeavors," said BME president Peter Vars. "With this acquisition, we can offer our complete range of services to current Clark clients, and we can establish relationships in the area that may help BME clients considering projects in the central Finger Lakes.

HB Works named one of

Their world tour began in February 2018 in Australia and will make a weekend stop in Rochester for two weekends. In 2018, they sold out all of their Rochester performances, so advance reservations are strongly recommended.

The performances will be hosted by NYS's contestant from "The Voice," Austin Giorgio.

Tickets are $30 for priority reserved table seating and $25 for general admission platform seating. Note: No discounts are available and Downstairs Cabaret gift certificates are not valid for this production.

For all productions — regardless of location — free parking is available and venues are handicap-accessible. Call (585) 372-4370 or visit DownstairsCabaret.com for reservations, membership information and volunteering opportunities.

GardenScape poster fulfills 'Enchanted Gardens' theme

The theme is "Enchanted Gardens," and the poster — created for the second consecutive year by local artist Deborah Bonnewell — is a colorful painting. (Photo provided)

Bonneville

GardenScape, the Rochester area flower and garden show to be held March 14-17 at The Dome, located at 2695 E. Henrietta Road in Henrietta, announced its 2019 theme and revealed the poster that captures it.

The theme is "Enchanted Gardens," and the poster — created for the second consecutive year by local artist Deborah Bonnewell — is a painting complete with a small waterfall, a pink wisteria tree, and a tiny fairy sitting upon her reflection in the water.

GardenScape again will feature the attractions visitors loved in the past: including the landscaped gardens, a special children's garden, a full slate of seminars by expert gardeners, an opening night party for charity, and an array of vendors with garden-related merchandise in Minett Hall.

"A Salute to the Troops" exhibit, which debuted last year, will be back by popular demand.

"Our landscape professionals are eager to use their creativity and imagination to bring 'Enchanted Gardens' to life," said GardenScape
Cleveland (mandolin, fiddle, and vocals), Michael George Gonzales (guitar and vocals) and Doug Henrie (upright bass). After the feature set, there is an opportunity for local performers to offer a song if they wish. Upcoming events include Michelle Younger on March 13, Peg Delan with Sharon McClurg on April 15, Shay Miller on April 24, Howie Ruscini on May 22 and more to be announced. For all productions (regardless of location), convenient free parking is available, and venues are handicap-accessible. Call (585) 335-4700 or visit DownstairsCabaret.com for reservations, membership information and volunteering opportunities.

Patrick Dewane will perform Feb. 22-23

Patrick Dewane will return Feb. 22-23 with "The Accidental Hero," the true story of a World War II Officer who liberates the same Czech towns where his grandparents lived. The 90-minute performance will take place at 8 p.m. on Feb. 22 and 3 p.m. on Feb. 23 at Downstairs Cabaret at Winton Place, 3250 Winton Place, Brighton-Henrietta, followed by a talk-back with the performer.

In 1919, Games joined the infantry, and in 1944 he was drafted to the War Office to produce a Royal Armored Corps recruiting poster. He persuaded the War Office to commission many instructional and educational posters. In 1943, he was appointed to the new post of official war poster designer. After designing nearly 100 posters, he left the War Office in 1946 and immediately resumed his freelance practice. His philosophy of "maximum meaning, minimum means" gave his posters, advertisements, symbols and stamps a distinctive conceptual and symbolic quality. Games was commissioned to produce posters for private and public organizations in Britain and Israel. His symbols for the 1951 Festival of Britain (designed in 1948), is particularly well known. He was a visiting lecturer in graphic design at the Royal College of Art in London between 1946-53. In 1957, he was awarded an OBE, which stands for Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire — a Queen's honor given to an individual for playing a major role in business, charity or the public sector.

In BRIEF

Hall of Fame accepting Lowry Award nominations

The Rochester Music Hall of Fame is accepting applications for its Douglas Lowry Award through March 22. The award goes to two high school seniors who excelled in music and plan on continuing their music education in college. Winners will be invited to perform at this year's Hall of Fame Induction ceremony on April 28 and will earn $1,000 for college expenses. Douglas Lowry is a former dean of the Eastman School of Music. Past recipients include instrumentalists and vocalists, and cover the music spectrum from classical to jazz to pop and musical theater. Visit rochestermusic.org for information.