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Mike Henderson: New Work

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GATEHOUSE GALLERY HOURS: *Wednesday – Friday, 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Call 707-226-5991 x 25 for information about tours of the di Rosa.*

OPENING RECEPTION: Saturday, June 27, 2009, 6 – 8 PM
Members' Preview 5 – 6 PM

Napa, California – April 8, 2009 – di Rosa is pleased to present an exhibition of recent painting by ***Mike Henderson***.

Mike Henderson makes expressive, gestural abstract paintings that, like the blues and jazz music he also creates, fully engage viewers both physically and intellectually. Working both with and beyond the tradition of Abstract Expressionism, Henderson improvises with oil paint in a visual equivalent to the musical improvisations he crafts with his guitar. Henderson has stated that he thinks of his work as congruencies of time and sound as well as space and color: "Ultimately, I would like each painting to be a question rather than an answer—the inner space of the painting as the take-off point for a corresponding inner journey with the viewer."

Born in Missouri in 1943, Henderson received his BFA (1969) and MFA (1970) from the San Francisco Art Institute. He has been widely exhibited, and his work is in public and private collections throughout the United States, including the **di Rosa** collection. Henderson has been a member of the art studio faculty of the University of California, Davis, since 1970 and is represented by Haines Gallery in San Francisco.

ABOUT THE DI ROSA

Located on 217 extraordinarily beautiful acres in the Carneros Region of southern Napa Valley, **di Rosa** celebrates the art and artists of the Bay Area, providing opportunities for creative enrichment and enjoyment of art and the environment throughout the year. The renowned di Rosa collection covers more than half a century of work from many noted and distinguished artists, attracting thousands of visitors annually for exhibitions, tours, lectures, and family events.

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