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Julian Schnabel: Recent Paintings

Amor Misericordioso

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McClain Gallery is pleased to present ***Julian Schnabel: Amor Misericordioso***, the first exhibition in Texas by the internationally known artist since his retrospective exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston in 1988.

This exhibition will be on view from January 26 through March 4, 2006.

Amor Misericordioso represents a new body of large scale paintings on canvas incorporating an appropriated photographic image as the emotionally laden ground for Schnabel's gestural painting. Operatic in scale and emotion Schnabel continues his career long efforts to mine the issues of humanity, beauty and loss.

Schnabel began his career as an artist at the University of Houston and was the subject of his first one person museum exhibition at the Contemporary Arts Museum in Houston in 1976.

Schnabel's work has been exhibited world-wide and has been the subject of retrospective exhibitions at the Tate Gallery, London, The Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, The Whitney Museum of American Art, NY, The Tamayo Museum, Mexico City, the Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid and numerous other museums.

He is an award winning film director with the features *Basquiat* and *Before Night Falls* to his credit. Schnabel currently lives and works in New York City and Montauk, New York and San Sebastian, Spain.

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