

TOELCO-TIVE to Quartz Mountain, home of the Oklahoma Arts Institute and the Quartz Mountain Art Collection. Rich in history and natural beauty, Quartz Mountain has transitioned from being a Native American ceremonial site to the region's artistic epicenter, inspiring artists from across the United States and incubating Oklahoma's homegrown talent. The Quartz Mountain Art Collection tells that story.

### About the Oklahoma Arts Institute

The Oklahoma Arts Institute (OAI) is a private, nonprofit organization founded in 1977 with a mission to provide exceptional multidisciplinary arts experiences that develop individual talent and inspire a lifelong passion for the arts. Each year, OAI recruits internationally renowned artists to Quartz Mountain to teach high school students and adult artists in a series of continuing education workshops in the literary, visual and performing arts. Faculty have included winners of the Pulitzer Prize and the Academy, Grammy, Emmy, and Tony Awards. The Quartz Mountain Art Collection is comprised of works created by OAI faculty artists and students and serves as a visual record of the history of Quartz Mountain and OAI. The collection is owned by OAI and is on permanent loan to the state of Oklahoma for exhibition at the Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center.

### Quartz Mountain History

Archeological evidence suggests Paleo-Indian people hunted woolly mammoth near Quartz Mountain between 11,000 and 20,000 years ago. Excavations at the Cooperton site near Kiowa County provide the earliest known evidence of people in the state of Oklahoma

Spain and France traded Quartz Mountain several times before the U.S. bought the area as part of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. Quartz Mountain was ceremonial grounds for the Kiowa, Comanche, Wichita, Apache, and Caddo tribes, who occupied the area until the late 1880s.

The Gold Rush brought eager prospectors to Quartz

Mountain in 1887. Although the U.S. Army was charged with
regulating Indian Territory, and a treaty was issued prohibiting mining, prospectors destroyed many Native American ranches and
fields before the military finally regained control of the area. The
Quartz Mountain area was opened to white settlement in 1901.

In 1927, the tiny town of Lugert was flooded to create a municipal water supply for Altus, now known as Lake Altus-Lugert. The lake and surrounding mountains caught the attention of the National Park Service, which began developing Quartz Mountain during the Great Depression with the help of the Civilian Conservation Corps. In 1937, Quartz Mountain officially became a state park.

**Begin** your tour of the art collection just inside the entrance to the lodge lobby.

MIKE LARSEN Blessing 2001 Bronze

Oklahoma artist Mike Larsen is a member of the Chickasaw Nation and served as a faculty artist for OAI in 1997. In this work, Larsen presents the viewer with a Native American figure who stands with arms raised in blessing.



Adorning the walls of the lodge lobby are a series of murals created by Larsen that depict the past, present, and future of Quartz Mountain. The four murals along the west wall constitute Quartz Mountain: Sacred Ground—The Past, each portraying a significant element of Kiowa lore. On the opposite wall, the four murals comprising Quartz Mountain: Sacred Ground—The Future illustrate the present and the future of Quartz Mountain as a center for the study of the arts with depictions of the Oklahoma Arts Institute's faculty artists and students. For this series, Larsen immersed himself in the history of the Kiowa, consulting tribal elders and traveling to such locales as Rainy Mountain and the headwaters of the Yellowstone River to help ensure the accuracy of his depictions.

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# MIKE LARSEN Quartz Mountain:

Sacred Ground—The Past Down from the Yellowstone

1998

Acrylic on canvas

Gift of Richard W. Moore, Jr., in memory of his father, Richard W. Moore, Altus, Oklahoma



This painting depicts the Kiowa leaving their ancestral homeland near the headwaters of the Yellowstone River in western Montana. From here, the Kiowa migrated eastward to the Black Hills before finally settling on the Great Plains. Being attentive to historical detail, Larsen is careful not to include a horse, as the animal had not yet been introduced to the Kiowa at the time of their migration. Larsen's detailed rendering of the clothing adds vitality to the work and is also historical in depiction.

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#### MIKE LARSEN

Quartz Mountain: Sacred Ground—The Past Kiowa Sundance

1998

Acrylic on canvas

Gift of Richard W. Moore, Jr., in honor of his mother Melda E. Moore, Altus, Oklahoma



The most sacred of Kiowa ceremonies, the Sundance, is said to have taken place at Quartz Mountain. In this painting, the Sundance "pledge" or participant stands inside a cottonwood arbor painted with white clay and Kiowa symbols. Larsen also includes other symbolic attributes in this work, such as the sage at the head and wrists of the pledge and the eagle bone whistles worn by both the pledge and the elder next to him.

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#### MIKE LARSEN

Quartz Mountain: Sacred Ground—The Past Warriors of the Great Plains

Acrylic on canvas

Gift of Ann Alspaugh, Oklahoma City,

in honor of her pioneer family in Duncan, Oklahoma

At the center of this composition, Chief Satanta, or White Bear, leader of the Lone Wolf Clan, rides through the Quartz Mountain area with the Order of Ten Warriors. These renowned horsemen were comprised of Kiowa leaders from ten different clans, each of whom was responsible for carrying one of the ten sacred Kiowa medicine bundles.

#### MIKE LARSEN

Quartz Mountain: Sacred Ground—The Past Black Leggins Society

1998 Acrylic on canvas Gift of Everett and Jean Berry, Stillwater, Oklahoma



In this work, Larsen portrays four members of the Kiowa Black Leggins Society, a group of Kiowa individuals who are veterans of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. The Kiowa elders who are the subject of this painting are members of the Palmer family of Carnegie, Oklahoma. Gus Palmer, Sr. revived this warrior society in 1957. Each year, the Black Leggins Society visits the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute to present the colors in a ceremony prior to student performances.

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#### MIKE LARSEN

Quartz Mountain: Sacred Ground—The Future American Masters

1999

Acrylic on canvas

Gift of Jerome Westheimer, Ardmore, Oklahoma, in honor of his family



A salute to the visual artists who have taught at Quartz Mountain, Larsen depicts painter Fritz Scholder and sculptor Allan Houser in the foreground with examples of their work. Oklahoma photographer David Fitzgerald stands in the background to the far right. Larsen places himself in the painting behind his close friend Houser, who had passed away several years earlier. Standing between Larsen and Fitzgerald are Mary Frates, founder and former President of the Oklahoma Arts Institute, with her son Cole. The Quartz Mountain Art Collection contains works by both Scholder and Houser, who also taught at the Summer Institute.

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#### **MIKE LARSEN**

Quartz Mountain: Sacred Ground— The Future Onstage with Judith Somogi



1999

Acrylic on canvas

Gift of Jerome Westheimer,

Ardmore, Oklahoma, in honor of his family

This work depicts conductor Judith Somogi leading the Summer Arts Institute Orchestra when she taught in 1978. Somogi was considered America's first great female conductor. Viewers are reminded of the exceptional music program available to Oklahoma's high school students at Quartz Mountain.

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#### MIKE LARSEN

Quartz Mountain: Sacred Ground— The Future In the Studio

Acrylic on canvas

Gift of Jerome Westheimer, Ardmore, Oklahoma, in honor of his family



In this work, Larsen offers the viewer a peek into a dance class at the inaugural Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute, where students were taught by America's first prima ballerina, Maria Tallchief. The painting depicts Tallchief leading a rehearsal of a ballet choreographed by her former husband, George Balanchine. By hiring exceptional faculty, such as Tallchief, its first year, the Arts Institute set a high standard that would become a hallmark of the program.

#### MIKE LARSEN

Quartz Mountain: Sacred Ground—The Future Visit to Rainy Mountain 1999

Acrylic on canvas Gift of Jerome Westheimer, Ardmore, Oklahoma, in honor of his family.



In this work, Larsen pays tribute to creative writing and theater by commemorating a visit to nearby Rainy Mountain during the Summer Arts Institute. The painting depicts acting instructors Jane Alexander and Ed Sherin, along with other faculty, staff and students, listening intently to poetry instructor N. Scott Momaday. A Pulitzer Prize winning Kiowa-Cherokee writer, Momaday wrote The Way to Rainy Mountain (1976), which details the history of the Kiowas, beginning in their ancestral Montana home and ending with their Great Plains resettlement near Rainy Mountain, located just east of Quartz Mountain.

**JESÚS MOROLES** Moonring 1999

Granite

Gift from David and Jeanne Guthery in memory of Jean Hulsey Rumsey



A sculptor from Texas, Moroles is well-known for his large scale works in stone. With over 2,000 works in collections in the United States and abroad, Moroles has won international acclaim for his pieces. This work evidences a common process used by the artist called "tearing," in which small holes are drilled in the stone and pressure is applied to wedges in the middle of the stone to create an opening. Moroles has taught numerous sculpture workshops at the Fall Arts Institute at Quartz Mountain.

#### **ALLAN HOUSER**

As Long As the Waters Flow 1988

Bronze

Gift of Donald R. Brattain, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Allan Houser, a Chiricahua Apache and Oklahoma native, has remained one of the nation's most influential and respected Native American



artists since his death in 1994. His work has received international acclaim and is included in the collections of the Smithsonian Institution, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the White House, among others. The title, "As Long As the Waters Flow," refers to President Andrew Jackson's promise that Native Americans would possess their land "as long as the grass grows or the water runs." This work features a Native American woman in traditional attire, holding a sacred eagle feather fan. A larger version of this work is installed at the Oklahoma State Capitol. Houser was a guest artist at the Summer Arts Institute in 1989.



From the Lodge Lobby, turn left to Proceed down the west hallway. The tour continues to your immediate left, behind the registration desk area.

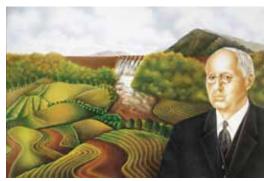
Gift of the artist

JACK MOORE Chief Lone Wolf and Red Stone Pipe 1998 Watercolor and ink



This work depicts Kiowa Principal Chief Lone Wolf alongside his namesake, the wolf. By portraying only part of the figures and placing them floating above a pipe and feathers surrounded by smoke, Moore imparts an ephemeral quality to both the chief and the wolf. The nearby town of Lone Wolf, Oklahoma is named for Chief Lone Wolf.

**KATHERINE LIONTAS-WARREN** W.C. Austin 1999 Colored pencil drawing Gift of Bill Cunningham, Lawton, Oklahoma, and members of the Austin family



This portrait commemorates the work of W.C. Austin, who led community efforts to develop the Altus-Lugert Irrigation Project (later named the W.C. Austin Project) to provide irrigation to nearby cotton fields. Because of his work, Austin was given the title "Father of Water Reclamation in Oklahoma." A Professor of Art at Cameron University, Liontas-Warren's drawings and prints are part of numerous permanent collections nationwide. She serves on the Visual Arts Advisory Panel for the Institute and has taught several workshops at the Fall Arts Institute.

**CHEN YAN NING** Mirror

1987 Oil on canvas Gift of the Hefner Collection

This work depicts ballet students at the Summer Arts

Institute practicing barre work under the instruction of Richard Thomas, founder and director of the New York School of Ballet. Chen, a world renowned portrait artist, created this painting from photographs he took in the dance studio at Quartz Mountain during a visit to the Summer Institute in 1987.



**RAY GEORGE** Untitled #1 1988 Monotype



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**RAY GEORGE** Untitled #2 1988 Monotype



A printmaker and art educator, George served as the drawing and painting instructor for the Summer Institute in 1988. In these prints, large, triangular shapes dominate and are echoed throughout. In Untitled #1, George presents the viewer with an abstract monochromatic composition from which the distorted head of a figure emerges. In Untitled #2, he chooses earth-toned colors to create a textural quality and a sense of depth.



Continue the tour in the **Beverly Badger Memorial Library** 

### CHRIS DEERE Lone Brother Wolf 1988

Opaque watercolor on paper Gift from Molly and David Boren in honor of Mabel and Lloyd Owens

In this watercolor, a Native American figure on horseback stands in a stark landscape.

In the background stands a lone wolf. Deere draws the viewer's eye to the wolf with its black coloration, which contrasts with the starkness of the white horse and landscape.



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### JUDY PAYNE DODSON The Healer 1993

Watercolor on paper Gift from Lanie Badger, Altus, Oklahoma



Lanie Badger, granddaughter of Beverly Badger, for whom the library is named, donated this painting when the library was rebuilt and rededicated after the Quartz Mountain Lodge fire. The painting's message is one of healing after loss. As Dodson says: "The Healer tells of a time when one must be still in order for the heart to heal. This is the gift we give to ourselves."

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#### **RON BERTOCCHI**

Survivor 1981 Brazed and cast bronze on quartz crystal rock Gift of Ward S. and Marianne B. Merrick, Ardmore, Oklahoma

On October 19, 1995, exactly six months after the devastating bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal building in Oklahoma City, 140 survivors and family members of

all ages came to Quartz Mountain to participate in a special four-day workshop organized by the Oklahoma Arts Institute. In the process of making art, participants shared their experiences with each other and were able to personally express themselves through the pieces they produced. These works were documented in an anthology entitled *Celebration* of the Spirit and tell a powerful story about the ability of the creative spirit to build hope and faith in the future and to create community.

Coincidentally, the Quartz Mountain Lodge, including the Badger Memorial Library, was destroyed in a fire in 1995. Bertocchi's Survivor sculpture was dedicated with the new Badger Library in 2001 to commemorate the workshop and to symbolize the survival of the human spirit.

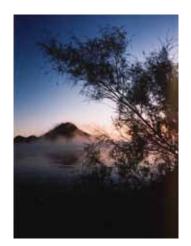
**Upon exiting** the Badger Library, proceed back down the hallway, stopping in the Business Center and then the Gallery to your left.

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# THOMAS PAYNE Quartz Mountain Reflections 1987

Traditional color photographs
Gift from the artist

Thomas Payne was a participant in a 1987 Fall Arts Institute photography workshop. He created this photo essay during his stay at Quartz Mountain.



OSAI PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENTS
Untitled Photo Essay
2002
Silver gelatin prints

These photos were a class project of the 2002 OSAI

photography students, under the instruction of photographer Siegfried Halus.



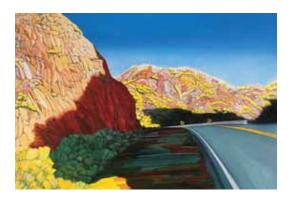
Continue your tour in the east hallway, beginning across the hall from the Gallery

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CAROL BEESLEY
Quartz Mountain:
The Road to the Lodge
1996

Oil on canvas

Gift from the artist in honor of her late husband, Michael Hennagin



In this work, Beesley captures the play of light on the mountains as the viewer crests the highest point on the road leading to the Quartz Mountain Lodge. Beesley served as a guest artist at the Summer Institute and donated this painting in honor of her late husband, the composer Michael Hennagin. Hennagin's final work, *Proud Music*, was performed by the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute orchestra shortly before his death.

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FRITZ SCHOLDER
Film Indian
1975
Acrylic on canvas

Gift of Joanna M. Champlin, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Fritz Scholder was an enrolled member of the

Luiseño tribe and is one of the most renowned Native American artists of the 20th century, though he often eschewed categorization as an Indian artist. Scholder was one of the first to critically examine the portrayal of Native Americans in popular culture, and his works did not subscribe to "traditional" views of Native Americans. As Scholder said, "I paint the Indian real, not red . . ." Film Indian is representative of Scholder's earlier works. Scholder taught at the Arts Institute several times throughout the 1980s and again in 2001.

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The Dancer of Illusion
1989
Mixed media—acrylic,

wood, metal and fur on canvas

Suzanne Klotz, whose work is included

in the permanent collections of the Smithsonian American Art Museum, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and the Museum of Art and Design in New

York, was an instructor at the 1989 Fall Institute. She relished her time at the Institute, as she noted, "I honestly have never been in an educational environment which was more conducive to personal and academic growth for teachers and students alike . . . . My experience was productive and joyful—spiritually, intellectually, physically, and emotionally."

FRITZ SCHOLDER
Centaur #1
(Icons and Apparitions)
1993

Oil on canvas Gift of the artist

This work is representative of Scholder's later work, in which he was more focused on mythical and mystical subjects. He donated the painting



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OSAI DRAWING STUDENTS:
JOSEPH ERB, TARA THOMAS,
KYLE REEVES, AARON MEIS,
JEREMY THOMAS
& STEPHANIE HAMILTON
Bugs #1-#6
1992
Ink wash on paper



These large-scale portraits of some of the creatures found at Quartz Mountain were a project of the 1992 OSAI drawing and painting class under the instruction of DeLoss McGraw.

**Continue** down the hallway to view the work in the conference center and adjoining foyer.

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OSAI PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENTS
A Sampling of Works
from the OSAI
Photography Program



Three areas along the hallways surrounding the conference center grand ballroom are set aside to showcase the work of the high school student photographers who have studied at Quartz Mountain. These works rotate and represent traditional, digital and alternative photographic processes.

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Sunrise over
Quartz Mountain
1995
Sculpture in granite

Gift of Linda, Dylan, and Olivia Scudder English, Claremore, Oklahoma



Lance Scudder was a participant in the 1995 Fall Arts Institute Sculpting in Stone workshop under the instruction of Jesús Moroles.

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FRITZ SCHOLDER Another Dream 1983

Bronze

Gift from the artist, honoring the work of Mary Gordon Taft, Vice President, Oklahoma Arts Institute, 1978-2000



In this work, Scholder presents the viewer with an abstract image of two figures embracing each other. By making their bodies emerge from a single form, Scholder creates an organic work that emphasizes the unity of the couple.

JOE ANDOE
Deer #2
1999
Oil on canvas
Gift of the artist in honor of David L. Boren,
founder of the Oklahoma Arts Institute



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JOE ANDOE
Deer #1
1999
Oil on canvas
Oklahoma Arts Institute purchase
in honor of Molly Shi Boren, Chairman
and President Emeritus
of the Oklahoma Arts Institute



Joe Andoe, a guest artist at the 1998 and 2006 Summer Institutes, is a native of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Currently working in New York, Andoe is known for his minimalist landscapes and portraits of wildlife. These paintings are created using a reductive technique in which Andoe applies a thick coat of black paint and removes it to reveal the white gesso and canvas beneath.

In the ballroom...

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OSAI DRAWING & PAINTING STUDENTS
Fire/Light; Air/Wind; Earth; Water
2000

Watercolor on paper

Inside the ballroom, a four-part series depicts the classical elements in installations of 21 paintings per grid. This project was completed by the drawing and painting students of the 2000 Summer Arts Institute under the instruction of Don Nice.









From the ballroom, **proceed** back to the east hallway and head towards the Sundance Cafe.

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#### STANLEY MADEJA

Stars Over Quartz Mountain 2001

Plexiglas, steel

Inspired by a similar piece at the Adler

Planetarium in Chicago, this striking multi-media installation recognizes the contributions of major donors to the Oklahoma Arts Institute. A metal artist/craftsman who is also a nationally recognized consultant in the arts and arts education, Madeja assisted the Arts Institute in long-range planning and space design for the Quartz Mountain facility.



HAROLD HOLDEN
Keeper of the Plains
1994
Bronze
Gift from Richard W. Moore, Jr.



Harold Holden, a native of Enid, Oklahoma, is known for his highly detailed monumental bronze statues that commemorate the history of Oklahoma and the surrounding states. In *Keeper of the Plains*, Holden portrays Comanche Chief Quanah Parker, wrapped in blankets and holding a pipe in his arms.

From Keeper of the Plains, **tww left** and proceed clockwise around the Sundance Café.

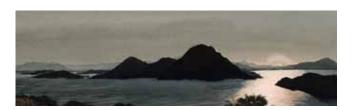
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ENOCH KELLY HANEY Buffalo 1996 Acrylic on canvas



Designated a Five Civilized Tribes Master Artist, Haney has also served as an Oklahoma State Representative, an Oklahoma State Senator, and as Principal Chief of the Seminole Nation. Haney's bronze statue, *The Guardian*, stands atop the Oklahoma State Capitol dome. 36

Unknown #2 1986 Watercolor on paper



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DEE J. LAFON
Unknown #1
1986
Watercolor on paper



Hanging across from each other above the north and south fireplaces are drawings by Oklahoma artist Dee J. Lafon depicting two views of Hicks Mountain. Visible from the apex of the road leading away from the Quartz Mountain Lodge, the sunrise over Hicks Mountain was the inspiration for the original Oklahoma Arts Institute logo. A member of the founding board of directors of the Oklahoma Arts Institute, Lafon served the Institute in a variety of roles, including several stints as the painting instructor during the Summer Institute.

**Continue** the tour in the center of the Café, behind the Keeper of the Plains sculpture.

**RON POKRASSO** Supporting Role for Tunes Monotype/Collage/Drawing on paper



### **RON POKRASSO** A Future in Music 2001 Lithograph on paper

These prints by Ron Pokrasso relate to a baby grand piano inherited by the artist from his aunt, whose childhood photo is incorporated into A Future in Music. In Supporting Roles for Tunes,

Pokrasso uses the pillar as a metaphor for supporting music. Pokrasso has served as a printmaking instructor during numerous Fall Arts Institutes.

### LUIS JIMÉNEZ Mesteño 1998 Acrylic on canvas Gift of David, Jeanne, Chris and Clay Guthery

This painting was created as a study for the 32-foot, four-ton fiberglass sculpture currently displayed in front of the Denver International Airport. In 2006, Jiménez was killed while assembling the sculpture when the mustang's torso swung around, mortally wounding him. A smaller version of the sculpture is on display at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. Jiménez was the drawing and painting instructor at the Summer Arts Institute in 2002.





### **DON NICE** The Wildlife at Quartz Mountain

Aniline paints on anodized aluminum Gift of Philip Gelatt, Sparta, Wisconsin



#### **DON NICE**

The Arts at Quartz Mountain

Aniline paints on anodized aluminum Gift of Philip Gelatt, Sparta, Wisconsin



#### **DON NICE**

Quartz Mountain Starscape 2002

Aniline paints on anodized aluminum Gift of William W. Talley, in loving memory of his wife, Sandra Talley



In these pieces, painter Don Nice references the natural environment of the Quartz Mountain region and the various artistic disciplines included in the Arts Institute's curricula. A long-time faculty member at the School of Visual Arts in New York, Nice served as a faculty member at both the Summer and Fall Arts Institutes. His work is represented in the collections of major museums around the world.

# Horizons Above the Pool 2002

Ceramic glaze drawing on bisque Gift of Jack and Judy Bryan, Lawton, Oklahoma



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## Full Moonlight in Winter 2002

Ceramic glaze wash drawing on bisque Gift of Robert and Sally Hillis, Lawton, Oklahoma



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#### **JACK BRYAN**

Reflection Under the Stars

Ceramic glaze wash drawing on bisque Gift of Charles Oppenheim, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



These three surreal landscapes were donated to the collection as part of an effort by Bryan to raise scholarship funds for the Arts Institute. Bryan served as chairman of the art department at Cameron University for more than thirty years, was an instructor at the Fall Arts Institute, and is an emeritus member of the Arts Institute's board of directors.

## In the gardens...

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#### **MENASHE KADISHMAN**

Tree #1 (Positive)

Steel

Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Simon A. Levit and Family, Tulsa, Oklahoma, honoring the students of the Oklahoma Arts Institute



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## MENASHE KADISHMAN Tree #2 (Negative)

2001 Steel

Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Simon A. Levit and Family, Tulsa, Oklahoma, honoring the students of the Oklahoma Arts Institute

Two large-scale steel sculptures by Israeli artist Menashe Kadishman are focal points of the gardens in front of the lodge and in the courtyard between the lodge's public areas and guest quarters.



An abstracted image of a tree, the positive form, which stands in front of the lodge entrance, was cut from the negative image in the courtyard.

## In the guest rooms...

The guest rooms at the Quartz Mountain Lodge are adorned with over 400 original prints by artist Dan Kiacz, including those depicted here. Kiacz, a long-time faculty member at the University of Oklahoma School of Art, was the first visual artist to instruct classes at the Summer Arts Institute. He served for many years as a dedicated instructor and friend of the Arts Institute until his death in 2004.



DAN KIACZ Lone Wolf 1983 Screenprint



Night Armor 2000 Screenprint











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