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SANTA FE ART INSTITUTE presents a lecture and workshop by Gerry Snyder

**Lecture: June 5th, 6 pm, Tipton Hall, College of Santa Fe
Lecture ticket prices: \$5 general public, \$2.50 students and seniors**

**Workshop: *The Stories We Tell*, June 6 - 9
Workshop cost: \$400, Scholarships are available**



Gerry Snyder

Snyder's surreal paintings are the multi layered articulation of story and its proliferation in our contemporary society. Snyder creates mutant, cartoonish creatures that inhabit landscapes familiar through cultural markings, yet elevated to a dystopic version of themselves. Snyder is a professor at the College of Santa Fe, and has been included in the Whitney Biennial, and the Biennial of Pancevo, Serbia and SITE Santa Fe.

Workshop: *The Stories We Tell*

All stories are true. Not because of the veracity of the tale, but for their desire to say what we would like to be true. There is a subtle moment when a narrative shifts from describing the actual towards what we want reality to be. This is when the story begins to become myth. Our world is defined by the stories we tell.

This workshop will be an intensive investigation into the narrative tradition of painting and its possibilities to create new myths. We will look at how stories are told, what they say, and more importantly what we want them to say.

There will be an overview of narrative traditions from biblical and mythological sources, as retold through centuries of paintings, to the cinematic tradition of the 20th century. We will attempt to tell stories that allow for a reshaping of the world, shifting their balance and meaning towards a more personally relevant position.

The workshop welcomes painters from the intermediate, advanced, or master level. There will be a number of individual and group critiques throughout the week.

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General Workshop Information

There are two full **scholarships** given per workshop. One scholarship is for a full time educator. The second is a need-based scholarship for an artist or student. Partial scholarships are also granted on an individual basis as needed. To prove financial need please mail a letter with a copy of your most recent tax return.

A 50% **deposit** is necessary to reserve a space in the workshop. This deposit is fully refundable if you cancel 30 days prior to the beginning of the class. The remaining cost of the workshop is due on the first day of class. You may pay your deposit by phone with a Visa or MasterCard by calling 505 424-5050 or by mail with a check made out to the Santa Fe Art Institute, PO Box 24044, Santa Fe, NM 87502.

Workshop participants have the opportunity to choose package **accommodations** at La Posada de Santa Fe Resort and Spa or stay at SFAI's extraordinary facilities. Discounts are also given to workshop participants at the nearby El Rey Inn.

The workshop and lecture are elements of the Santa Fe Art Institute's 2006 **Storytelling: History, Myth and Narrative** Series. For more information on the series please visit SFAI's website at www.sfai.org or call 505-424-5050. The Santa Fe Art Institute is located at 1600 St. Michael's Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505.