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**“Slow Dancing” Exhibit by Artist and Theater Faculty John Musall
Opens at the Hillman Jackson Gallery**



GREAT BARRINGTON, MA—In his exhibit titled “Slow Dancing,” John Musall, long-time faculty in design for theater, will exhibit paintings of dancers at Bard College at Simon’s Rock, opening November 30.

John Musall, faculty in design for theater at Simon’s Rock, will exhibit a collection of paintings of dancers entitled “Slow Dancing” in the Hillman Jackson Gallery at the Daniel Arts Center on campus. This exhibit opens November 30, 2023, and will run through January 22, 2024.

A reception and artist’s talk will be held at the gallery at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 30. This exhibit is free and open to the public Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 8 p.m., Saturdays, 12:00 – 8 p.m., and Sundays, 2:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Artist John Musall began painting dancers and choreographers 35 years ago while working with the Merce Cunningham Dance Company in New York. In his work as a lighting designer, he became fascinated by dancers moving in colored stage lighting and began a series that he’s

continued to this day. In his artist’s statement, Musall says: “Because dancers are concerned with the shapes their bodies can make through choreographic time while striving for controlled perfection, I was compelled to do my best to be exact in my representations, in hopes of honoring dancers’ commitment to their art.”

About Simon's Rock

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[The Bard Queer Leadership Project](#) (BQLP) is a revolutionary, new Bachelor of Arts degree program designed for, and by, LGBTQIA+ college students to elevate LGBTQIA+ students and college graduates into leadership roles in school and across the workforce while serving as a space for actualizing educational practices designed for students to thrive. The centerpiece of BQLP is a four year dual major B.A. degree combining Queer Leadership with a second academic field.

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