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SUBJECT: RANDY SIMMONS AT THE KREMPP GALLERY

EXHIBIT DATES: OCTOBER 2-28, 2019

FIRST THURSDAY RECEPTION: OCTOBER 3, 2019, 5-7 PM

The Krempp Gallery at the Jasper Arts Center is pleased to present Paducah, Kentucky graphite artist, Randy Simmons for the month of October.

Simmons' large graphite and charcoal drawings are mostly auto-biographical with much inspiration coming from his two teenage boys. "I work with social/political themes, relationship themes as well as being inspired by my own childhood. My latest series of drawings have a sense of storytelling quirkiness to them that hold as much mystery and devoid of explanation," states Simmons.

Simmons is a recipient of two Kentucky Arts Council Grants, one in 2005 and one in 2007. He is currently a Professor of Art for the Kentucky Institute for International Studies, teaching drawing classes and art study abroad courses in photography and drawing.

Simmons holds a Master of Fine Arts in drawing from the University of Cincinnati, Master of Arts in drawing from Murray State University, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in painting from Murray State University.

Meet the artist and listen to a Gallery Talk during the FIRST THURSDAY Reception at the Krempp Gallery on October 3rd, 2019 from 5:00- 7:00 pm. Cash bar and refreshments will be served.

The Krempp Gallery, located in the Jasper Arts Center adjacent to the VUJ campus, is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm, until 7 pm on Thursdays, and Sunday from noon to 3 pm. School groups, clubs, and students are welcome. Admission is free.

For more information, please call the Arts Center at 812-482-3070. The Jasper Arts Center is managed by the Jasper Community Arts, a department of the City of Jasper. JCA is supported by the Friends of the Arts, Inc., Indiana Arts Commission, Community Foundation Alliance, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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