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Artist to address UM audience Friday

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MISSOULA --

Artist Harold Balazs (pronounced Blaze), whose work is presently on display at the University of Montana, will address the public at 8 p.m. Friday (Oct.23) in the University Center Lounge. There will be no admission charge.

"I will speak of attitudes and ideas rather than of techniques or style. I want my audience to see that art can be relevant," said the Spokane, Wash., artist.

Presently working in collaboration with Oregon architects, Morin and Longwood, on sculptural designs for use in the First Methodist Church in Eugene, Ore., the 42-year old artist has been awarded medals in craftsmanship by the American Institute of Architects.

Balazs is a native of Westlake, Ohio, and he was graduated from Washington State University, Pullman.

Concerning the contemporary artist, Balazs said, "The artist is behind the times instead, as many think, ahead. To make a valuable contribution to society the artist must relate his work to social situations."

Balazs' display, which is open to the public, may be seen from 1-5 p.m. daily until Oct. 25. The display includes porcelain and vitreous enamels, silk screen, steam castings and other miscellaneous mediums.

Items in the exhibit are for sale.

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