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In 'Art that Rocks' gallery show, artist Tom Noll portrays music and musicians

OMAHA, Neb. — Internationally known artist Tom Noll captures the essence of music and musicians in "Art that Rocks," an exhibition at Metropolitan Community College's Gallery of Art and Design at the Elkhorn Valley Campus, March 12–April 8.

As part of the exhibition, Noll will speak at a public lecture on Wednesday, March 12, 4–5 p.m. at the Elkhorn Valley Campus, 204th Street and West Dodge Road. An opening reception follows from 5–6:30 p.m.

Noll's "Art that Rocks" series utilizes acrylic and oil paint on canvas, creating a "visual surround sound" with varied musicians and rock artists portrayed. The Wisconsin artist plays with energetic textures and movement, bold color and fluid, abstract backgrounds that interplay with figural images. Like music, Noll's paintings seem to be moving forward in time with their exploration of contrasts, textures and tempos.

For more information, visit mccneb.edu/humanitiesvisualarts/gallery.asp.

About the artist: Tom Noll was born and raised in the Midwest in the outskirts of Milwaukee, Wis. He loved drawing as a child, and after high school, he pursued degrees in printing, publishing and graphic design. While working in the hustle and bustle of the corporate art world, the fine arts were his creative outlet and safe refuge.

Originally painting in watercolors, Noll later switched to acrylics and oils for the thick paints and builds of color than can be applied to many varied surfaces. His recent rock series in oils and acrylic on canvas captures the essence of music and musicians with bold, abstract strokes and vibrant colors.

About the Gallery of Art and Design

The Gallery of Art and Design is a nonprofit art center located at the Elkhorn Valley Campus, 204th Street and West Dodge Road. Gallery hours are Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m.–8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; and Saturday, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. All gallery events and programs are free and open to the public.

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Metropolitan Community College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, is a comprehensive, public community college that offers affordable and quality education to all residents of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties. Founded in 1974, MCC has the largest enrollment out of six community colleges in Nebraska and is the second largest postsecondary institution in the state. MCC serves more than 40,000 students annually.