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MAM Collections: The Parade Route

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Missoula, MT / August 17, 2011 / Missoula Art Museum (MAM) / MAM is pleased to present *The Parade Route* from the MAM Collections. Throughout history, artists have seen parades, circuses, and other strange spectacles as sources of both empathy and inspiration. This was especially true in the last century when modernists such as Picasso, Chagall, Klee, Kandinsky, and Calder used parades and circuses as source material in their work. Such processions and gatherings, marchings and minglings, protestings and celebratings occur for many reasons, providing a rich world of metaphor, psychology, and observation.

MAM Exhibitions Curator, Stephen Glueckert, and MAM Registrar, Ted Hughes, perused the collection with this in mind, keeping a keen eye on ways in which local artists have seen the gathering of people as source and message material for their own work. In the collection vault, they found Stan Healy's voyeuristic documentations of parades and gatherings from the detachment of staff photographer, to the overtly political commentaries of Marvin Messing, Sheila Miles, and Jim Todd. They found the psychological explorations of Mary Ryan and Kathy Shiroki, and the frenetic and desperate energies displayed in the works of Jay Rummel and Walter Piehl.

But undeniably, parades and other festive events bring out the voyeur in us all. Entranced by the color, pageantry, and weirdness we find ourselves either outside observing a strange or menacing mob, or invited to join the comfort of a celebratory or purposeful throng.

MAM is proud to maintain a collection presence throughout its exhibition schedule and is committed to not only see its collection grow, but to celebrate that these outstanding artworks are held in trust for the community and for future generations.

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About MAM: FREE EXPRESSION / FREE ADMISSION. The Missoula Art Museum strives to engage artists and audience in the creative exploration of contemporary art relevant to our community, state and region. Founded in 1975 and accredited by the American Association of Museums since 1987, MAM showcases diverse and thought-provoking contemporary artwork from local and international artists. Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 10AM-5PM, Friday-Sunday, 10AM-3PM. Office hours: Mon-Fri, 9AM-5PM.