

For Immediate Release

**Closing Artist Reception
slated at
Missoula Art Museum
for
Corwin Clairmont**

Exhibition Dates: December 18, 2007 – March 1, 2008
Film Premier and Artist Reception: February 7, 2008, 5-9 pm

Missoula, MT / October 30, 2007 / Missoula Art Museum (MAM) / MAM is pleased to present the *Yellowstone Pipeline Series and Recent Works by Corwin Clairmont*. The exhibition comes as Corwin Clairmont has been granted the Governors Arts Award for the State of Montana. Every two years the Montana Arts Council honors individuals who have provided an outstanding contribution to the arts in the state. The Governor's Arts Awards are given in a variety of fields.

The closing reception for Clairmont will include the American premier of French produced television *Le Magazine de l'Ailleurs* featuring an 8 minute episode featuring Corky. The film will be aired at MAM on Thursday night February 7th at 7 pm. Clairmont will take questions following the airing and an artist reception celebrating the artist's exhibition will follow.

"Corky", as his friends call him, is one of Montana's most important contemporary artists. MAM has worked closely with Corky to feature his work in several group exhibitions including the current exhibition. Clairmont's work, as seen in the *Yellowstone Pipeline Series*, is consistently layered and multifaceted. He is a painter, printmaker, installation artist, and an experimenter. His work records history, describes a course of action, depicts spiritual iconography, and explores issues of cultural identity. The artist and art historian Gail Tremblay writes of this series, "As one looks at this complex and moving body of work, it's obvious that Clairmont finds endless sources for compelling conceptual art close to home. He is an artist intricately involved in his community, seeking the preservation of culture and an accurate accounting of what has been."

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