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Press Release

ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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Print exhibit in final week at State Museum

A solo exhibition of original prints by Anchorage artist Garry Kaulitz is in its final week at the Alaska State Museum. The exhibit will close Saturday, March 29.

The exhibition of monoprints is titled *Sankofa: Years & Caretakers* – from an African word meaning "We must go back and reclaim our past so we can move forward." Kaulitz says "*Years* is a collection of 65 prints, one for each year of my life, 1942 through 2006. Each print is a snapshot of cultural, political and personal events that helped shape the person I am today... Perhaps in the viewing, you will recognize threads of your own past."

Kaulitz is a professor of printmaking at the University of Alaska Anchorage. He typically explores themes of domestic, social and existential issues in his work, using a style that is pictorial and figurative, and includes allegory, symbols and metaphors.

In creating the monoprints, which are one-of-a-kind artworks, Kaulitz explained that he combined numerous printmaking techniques: lithography, intaglio, screen-printing, relief and letterpress; as well as drawing, stenciling and collage elements using digital printing on tissue. "Some of the prints have been through the press well over twenty times," he said.

Kaulitz was born in Rapid City, South Dakota, and received his master of fine arts degree in 1965 from the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York. Later he was owner and master printer at Kaulitz Press, specializing in fine art printing, while also teaching at the University of Louisville in Kentucky. In 1993 he took a teaching position at the University of Alaska Anchorage as area head of printmaking, which he still holds.

Winter hours at the museum are 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is \$3. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs. Please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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