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ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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Temporary Exhibits Soon to Close at the Alaska State Museum

JUNEAU – January 4, 2014 will be the last opportunity to view two solo exhibits on display at the Museum: Juneau painter Dick Benedict's *From Out*, and Ketchikan painter David Rubin's solo exhibition. Also closing on that same day is the museum's exhibit, *Ten Years of Alaskan Art: a Decade of Works Acquired through the Rasmuson Foundation Art Acquisition Fund*.

Benedict, a self-taught artist, uses the centuries-old oil and egg tempera mixture to create surreal images on panel. Much of his work is executed using a small, diamond-shaped pallet knife. His artistic life spans more than 40 years.

Rubin, who grew up in New York City, moved to Ketchikan in 1983. He studied at the Frank Reilly League of Artists for a year in 1987 before returning to Ketchikan where he teaches art twice a week.

Both exhibitions are part of the 2013 solo exhibition series.

Ten Years of Alaskan Art features a selection of pieces from the museum's permanent collection acquired through the generosity of the Rasmuson Foundation. Initiated in 2003, the Foundation's Art Acquisition Fund provides grants for Alaska museums to purchase current work by practicing Alaskan artists.

Winter hours at the museum are 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The museum will close on February 28, 2014 for the continued construction of the new facility. The museum will reopen in the new State Library, Archives, and Museum building at 395 Whittier St. in April, 2016. The new 118,000 square foot facility will feature museum galleries, a museum store, a café, a large 125-seat multi-purpose room, a classroom, a reading room, a research room, the state and historical libraries, and state archives – all under one roof.

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