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PORTRAITS OF SOUTHERN ARTISTS

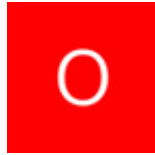
Presented by Photographer Jerry Siegel

Wed., Aug. 1, 2007 – 7:00 PM

East Bank Regional Library, 4747 West Napoleon Ave., Metairie, LA

Free and open to the public; no registration required

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Jefferson Parish Library in partnership with  
The Ogden Museum of Southern Art  
presents

Photographer Jerry Siegel

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with an introduction by  
Anna Mingos, Public Relations Director, The Ogden



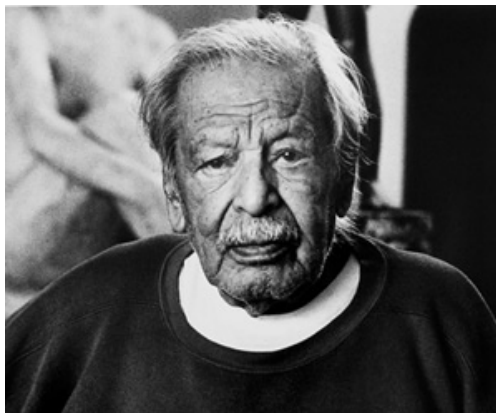
Painter and printmaker Benny Andrews by Jerry Siegel

Just a few days before “Portraits of Southern Artists: Photography of Jerry Siegel” opens at the Ogden Museum\*, Atlanta-based photographer **Jerry Siegel** will visit East Bank Regional Library on Wed., Aug. 1, 7:00PM, to present a preview discussion of the exhibition.



Painter and sculptor Ida Kohlmeyer by Jerry Siegel

Jerry devoted thirteen years to creating this large body of portraits of Southern artists. Traveling across the South, Jerry has photographed a wide range of artists, including many featured in the Ogden's Permanent Collection, such as William Christenberry, William Dunlap, Ida Kohlmeyer, and New Orleans sculptor, Lin Emory. This exhibition chronicles three generations of many of the most important artists whose work has come to define their particular genre and features portraits of artists Enrique Alferez, Lyle Bongé, George Dunbar, and others, including those from the Ogden collection.



Sculptor Enrique Alferez by Jerry Siegel

At this program, Jerry will discuss such topics as:

- How he spent 13 years taking the portraits
- How he likes to work – where you like to photograph people... in their studios, at home, etc.
- How he chose the artists
- What he likes about his subjects or their work
- Human interest or interesting stories about meeting the artists

The program, sponsored by the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, is free and open to the public; and registration is not required.

\*The Siegel exhibit will open at the Ogden White Linen Night, Saturday, Aug. 4.

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