



# THE RALLS COLLECTION

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## **The Ralls Collection Premieres *Trojan War Years*, Paintings by David Richardson**

**Washington, DC** (August 31, 2010) – This fall, the Ralls Collection will premier *Trojan War Years*, the first of three series of paintings by local artist David Richardson, from October 6<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. There will be a private reception with the artist on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 6:00 – 8:00PM at the gallery.

The paintings featured in *Trojan War Years* will display Richardson's ability to convey a strong narrative of Homer's epic tale in conjunction with his unique flair for color and exceptional conviction for abstract forms.

In the last decade, Richardson has painted three important series of works. The first, *Trojan War Years*, not only precedes the others, but it also continues to manifest. The impetus for the series came while Richardson lived in Japan. Wandering around Tokyo, Richardson noticed the Kanji inscriptions that the Japanese used to mark temples, civic buildings, and businesses. Fueled by his interest in the way Kanji weaved into the architecture of Tokyo in addition to his passion for Homer's recollection of the Trojan War, Richardson began incorporating the symbols into his own art, eventually securing the foundation for *Trojan War Years* series.



*Helen - Gift of Aphrodite, 2010*  
Oil on canvas, 40 in. x 36 in.

David Richardson was born in Waterford, Michigan, a semi-rural community northwest of Detroit. He received a B.S. graduating Magna Cum Laude from Harding University in 1988. From 2001 – 2004 he served as Assistant Professor at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He has been included in numerous solo and group exhibitions across the country and overseas. He currently lives in Arlington, Virginia where he maintains a studio and paints.

The Ralls Collection was established in 1988 as a private art dealership, and expanded in 1991 with the opening of a gallery bearing the same name. The gallery specializes in contemporary painting, photography, prints, and sculpture. Located at 1516 31<sup>st</sup> Street, NW in Georgetown, The Ralls Collection summer hours are Tuesday through Friday, from 11:00am to 4:00pm and by appointment.

\*Please note: we will be closed August 28<sup>th</sup> – September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Fall hours resume Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

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**Attention Editors: To receive more information, please call 202-342-1754. There will be a reception with the artist on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 6:00 – 8:00PM. Visuals and catalogues available upon request.**

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