



# THE RALLS COLLECTION

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**The Ralls Collection Presents: *New Work* by James F. Dicke II**

**Washington, D.C.** (November 9, 2009) – The Ralls Collection is pleased to announce an exhibition of James F. Dicke II’s paintings entitled *New Work*. The exhibition will run from December 10, 2009 through February 27, 2010. A private reception with the artist will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the gallery.

James F. Dicke II strives to create art that engages interest and draws the viewer into its surface and shares with them the wonder and experience of the artist. A certain element of ambiguity and beauty should address the senses. He evokes questions, is the image abstract or representational? Is it a view through a microscope or a view of space spanning millions of miles?

*“If the work invites curiosity and suggests ambiguous possibilities, I find it successful. Is it microscopic or monumental, representational or abstract, from this world or another? When the viewer brings a point of view it invites a sincere dialogue.” -James F. Dicke II*

Dicke is especially interested in Nature and Outer Space, which is evident in his paintings. Influences include his collection of 19<sup>th</sup> century, 20<sup>th</sup> century and contemporary art as well as the Hubble Space Telescope, built to see beyond what scientists had previously calculated as the edge of all material existence.

James F. Dicke II, although born in Texas, was raised in Ohio and Indiana where he attended Culver Academy Military School before returning to Texas to attend Trinity University. Dicke started painting at Culver Academy under the late Warner Williams and then later apprenticed under the realist painter Nelson Shanks of Pennsylvania. Dicke has also built a successful career as the Chairman-CEO of Crown Equipment in Ohio.

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 is open Wednesday through Saturday, from 11am to 4pm and by appointment.

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**Attention Editors: To receive more information, please call (202) 342-1754. There will be a reception for the artists on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Visuals available upon request.**