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University Galleries Presents Survey Exhibition of Former FAU Professor of Painting Walter Hnatysh

BOCA RATON, Fla. (July 26, 2016) – The University Galleries in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters at Florida Atlantic University will present “Walter Hnatysh Survey: The Florida Years 1989- 2016,” from Friday, Sept. 2 through Sunday, Oct. 22 in the Schmidt Center Gallery, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton campus. There will be an opening reception on Thursday, Sept. 1 at 6:30 p.m. Walter Hnatysh will be joined by FAU professors, Lynn Appleton (Sociology) and Amy Broderick (Visual Arts and Art History), for a conversational Gallery Talk in the exhibition on Friday, September 2, at 6 p.m. The exhibition and all related programming are free and open to the public.

This survey exhibition presents the work of Walter Hnatysh, former FAU professor of painting, whose work ranges from painting to drawing to photography. The exhibition serves to both demonstrate and celebrate Hynatsh’s evolution as an artist over the last 27 years. Hnatysh’s primarily figurative work reveals sometimes fantastic, sometimes surreal worlds that are nothing if not idiosyncratic visions containing highly evocative, overtly playful, creepy, mysterious and sometimes quirky imagery. An illustrated brochure accompanies the exhibition with brief essays written by FAU professors Lynn Appleton and Amy Broderick.

Hnatysh received his BFA from Indiana University, and his MFA from Tyler School of Art. He has participated in various one- and two-person exhibitions as well as more than 100 group exhibitions since 1986. Hnatysh has exhibited work in Istanbul, Turkey; MOCA at the Goldman Warehouse, Miami; and Atlantic Center for the Arts in Florida. His paintings and drawings are included in many private and public collections, such as the Huntsville Museum of Art in Alabama; The Everhart Museum in Pennsylvania; Tampa Museum of Art; and the Boca Raton Museum of Art. He also has received an Individual Artist Grant from the state of Maryland, as well as from the South Florida Cultural Consortium in 2007 and 2011.

The University Galleries are open Tuesdays through Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. Group and class tours are welcome during public hours as well as at other times scheduled by appointment. The Schmidt Center Gallery is located in the Performing Arts building (No. 51) marked by a tall, white cubicle tower. Parking on the University campus is subject to strict regulations. Visitors should stop at the information booth on Glades Road and Northwest 10th Avenue to get a parking pass, or park in metered spots.

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Florida Atlantic University, established in 1961, officially opened its doors in 1964 as the fifth public university in Florida. Today, the University, with an annual economic impact of \$6.3 billion, serves more than 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students at sites throughout its six-county service region in southeast Florida. FAU's world-class teaching and research faculty serves students through 10 colleges: the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, the College of Business, the College for Design and Social Inquiry, the College of Education, the College of Engineering and Computer Science, the Graduate College, the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. FAU is ranked as a High Research Activity institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The University is placing special focus on the rapid development of three signature themes – marine and coastal issues, biotechnology and contemporary societal challenges – which provide opportunities for faculty and students to build upon FAU's existing strengths in research and scholarship. For more information, visit www.fau.edu.