

STEPHEN WIRTZ GALLERY

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RAYMOND SAUNDERS AND DAVID MAMET COLLABORATIONS WITH TRILLIUM PRESS EXHIBITED

Stephen Wirtz Gallery announces a one-week exhibition of recent print and book projects that result from collaborations between artist Raymond Saunders, playwright David Mamet, and Trillium Press, San Francisco.

On view will be broadsides that Saunders created with Trillium Press for the world premiere production of *Dr. Faustus*, which was written and directed by David Mamet and performed at the Magic Theater in San Francisco in 2004. Saunders responded to the theme of the play by creating an original painting depicting a visual musing on heaven and hell. Twelve pigment prints were created of the painting by Trillium Press and each was individually augmented with handwork and collage in keeping with Saunders' art making practice. Like individual performances of a single play, each of these works retains a unique character. Proceeds from sales of these artworks will benefit The Magic Theatre.

Also on display will be *Untitled*, 2003, a pigment print accordion-bound children's book created by Mamet and Saunders in collaboration and published by Trillium Press. Other works will be exhibited that evidence these artists' enduring relationship, including a poster and memorabilia created by Saunders for Mamet's 1984 Pulitzer Prize winning play *Glengarry Glen Ross*.

RAYMOND SAUNDERS was born in Pittsburgh, PA, but has lived in the Bay Area since the 1960s, completing his MFA at the California College of Arts and Crafts in 1961 where he now is a professor. Over the years Saunders has received many accolades for his work including the Prix de Rome, 1964-1966 and a Guggenheim Fellowship, 1976. Saunders has had solo museum exhibitions at Carnegie Museum of Art, the M.H. de Young Memorial Museum, the Seattle Art Museum, and the Addison Gallery of American Art, among others.

DAVID MAMET is an acclaimed screenwriter, director and poet, and is considered one of the most important playwrights of the Twentieth Century. Mamet has received numerous awards and honors, including a 1984 Pulitzer Prize for his play *Glengarry Glen Ross*.

Stephen Wirtz Gallery is located at 49 Geary St., 3rd Fl., San Francisco, CA 94108, (415) 433-6879. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday, 9:30-5:30, Saturday 10:30-5:30.

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