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Michael Roque Collins: *Works on Paper*

Exhibition Dates: June 10 – July 10

Artist Reception: Friday, June 10th, 2016, 5 – 7 PM

Gallery Hours: Mon - Fri, 10 - 6; Sat, 10 - 5

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Venetian Series – Sailing Toward the Island of the Mausoleum,
2015-2016, Oil and Resin on Black and White Photograph, 13" x 19"

Santa Fe, NM – Michael Roque Collins, through decades of creating masterful post-symbolist art, has become renowned for his often large-scale impressionist canvases. However, with *Works on Paper*, LewAllen Galleries will present a fascinating exhibition of works that illuminate the artist's capability in a wide diversity of materials. The opening will be held on June 10th from 5 to 7pm, and the exhibition will run until July 10th.



Inland Mountain Journey Series – Descending From the Temple,
2015-2016, Watercolor on paper, 8" x 10"

The watercolors and related India ink drawings included in the show are notable as the direct and original iterations of the artist's first impressions of both place and imaginative response, typically rendered quickly and in the moment. Packed with rapid, bushy strokes of diluted pigment in varying viscosities on thick archival paper, these small paintings often form the rough basis for what later become larger works in oil on linen.

The watercolors reveal a kind of archaeology of mind as the artist's unmediated creative impressions. Also included are highly abstracted

paintings in oil and resin on photographic material. They provide some of his most mysterious, yet intimate artistic expressions.

Born in Texas in 1955, Collins earned a BFA from the University of Houston in 1978 and later an MFA in painting from Southern Methodist University. His paintings have been shown in more than fifty international solo exhibitions and scores of group shows since 1974. They also are included in numerous important public and private collections.

Exhibition catalog with essay can be sent upon request, and online version will be available at www.lewallengalleries.com. Contact agill@lewallengalleries.com or 505.988.3250.