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Calendar Announcement:

Santa Fe Community College hosts a free public lecture with internationally recognized book artist and literacy advocate Paul Johnson on May 8 at 7 p.m. in Room 711 of the Fine Arts Center, 6401 Richards Ave. The talk coincides with "Book Arts Initiative," a vivid exhibition of book arts featuring work by Johnson and members of the Santa Fe Book Arts Group being held in the college's Main Entry hallway May 4 through 15. An opening reception takes place May 7 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Main Entry. The exhibition is presented by SFCC's Art on Campus program of the School of Arts and Design. For more information, call 428-1533.

SFCC Lecture and Exhibition Features Prominent Book Artist

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Taking the craft of the traditional pop-up book to new artistic heights and extremes, Johnson is a member of the rapidly-growing global book arts movement. The British-born artist has built an international reputation, not only for his flamboyant and colorful work, but for his pioneering efforts in promoting literacy. During his lecture, Johnson will talk about his craft and how he uses it to encourage and advance writing and visual communications skills in children and adult students.

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Johnson specializes in creating intricate and colorful pop-up books that contain images and constructions that often appear to jump off the page. His work is featured in the Tate Collection, London; Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum, New York; National Gallery of Art and Library of Congress, Washington; and throughout numerous U.S. universities, including University of California, Los Angeles, University of California, Berkley, Indiana University, University of Pennsylvania, Yale University and Harvard University. Johnson's work was selected for "Stand and Deliver USA," a touring exhibition of pop-up, editioned books, and for the Canadian Bookbinders and Book Artists Guild's "The Art of the Book" touring exhibition, for which he received the guild's Book Art Colophon Award. Additionally, he is on the United Kingdom Craft Council's select list of British designer/makers. He is also the author of more than 15 books on the subject.

The "Book Arts Initiative" exhibition also features work by local artists who are members of Santa Fe Book Arts Group, a consort of local book artists. In conjunction with the exhibition, SFCC will showcase its permanent collection of book arts in a series of display cases located throughout the campus. The exhibition is presented by the community college's School of Arts and Design, which houses SFCC's printmaking and book arts programs, headed by lead instructor Patricia Pearce.

The SFCC exhibition is only the beginning of a book arts-filled spring and summer in Santa Fe. From April 24 to August 21, the Capitol Rotunda Gallery in the Roundhouse will host a book arts exhibition. From April 24 to May 7, Artistas de Santa Fe Gallery will host a book arts exhibition entitled "Rock, Paper, Scissors."

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