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**AVA Gallery and Art Center**

**Paul Gruhler**

***Recent Work 2005-2009***

**E. N. Wennberg Gallery**

**January 8 – February 6, 2010**

**Opening Reception: Friday, January 8, 5-7pm**

An exhibition of acrylic paintings by Paul Gruhler will be on view in AVA Gallery and Art Center's E. N. Wennberg Gallery from January 8-February 6, 2010. A reception, free and open to the public, will take place on Friday, January 8, from 5 to 7pm.

Paul Gruhler, of Craftsbury Common, VT, is a self-taught artist with a long and impressive career that began with his first exhibition at the DeMena Gallery in New York in 1965. He has subsequently shown his work in galleries and museums in Mexico City, Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and throughout the United States. In 2006 he curated the exhibition "Vermont Collections," for the Helen Day Art Center's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He is currently curating a series of exhibitions to travel throughout the state of Vermont called "The Art of Vermont: The State Collection," funded by the Vermont Arts Council.

For his exhibition at AVA, *Recent Work 2005-2009*, Gruhler will be showing abstract paintings from the last five years of his over fifty-year-long art career. Working exclusively in

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acrylic paint, his work explores vertical and horizontal relationships in space and the harmony and tension within color, line and form. He works on both large and small scale square surfaces of linen or paper using highly-saturated color. Gruhler craves “passionate consciousness” in both his art and life and sees his work as “part of that universal process in nature, poetry and art, of change and refinement.” Mickey Myers, executive Director of the Bryan Memorial Gallery in Jeffersonville, VT writes: “Gruhler has developed his own visual language, which has grown stately and majestic over years of exploration... his most recent work (is) a culmination, a celebration, an acknowledgement of his roots and his rootedness in the world of abstraction.”

AVA Gallery and Art Center/Alliance for the Visual Arts is a non-profit organization representing Vermont and New Hampshire artists. Located at 11 Bank Street right off Colburn Park in Lebanon, NH, the gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11AM to 5PM and by appointment; closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Admission is free, and the gallery is accessible to the handicapped.



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