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Still Waters Run Deep

(Wilkes Barre, Pa.), September 25, 2007 – Many say it difficult to find new and exciting art these days – seems like it's all been done before. Interestingly, that is not the case in these new works by Joe Beddall, currently on view at Main Street Galleries.

The process becomes the content for these unique "paintings"; in fact, the process is what the paintings are all about.

Former resident, Joe Beddall, returns to his roots for his first solo art show, a unique and thoughtful exhibit that conveys thought and understanding of what has transpired before.

Beddall, who currently resides in State College, Pa., spent his formative years in Wilkes Barre before studying at Kutztown University in Berks Country. In between, he spent several years working and painting in the Washington DC area.

"The work in this show is the culmination of almost 30 years," says Beddall. Aptly entitled *Waterworks*, the paintings "harnesses the elements and energies of nature." Beddall creates his art by submerging painted aluminum in vats of colored pigment. The result is a unique and beautiful effect that is both distinctive while paying homage to tenets and ambitions of Modernist Philosophy.

The "paintings" rely on elements of nature: earth, sun, wind, and water. For example, actual frost patterns, evaporation, and sedimentary processes create imagined landscapes of Beddall's inner world.

The originality and elegant compositions of these works are not to be missed. The show opens on October 5 and continues to November 10.

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