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Santa Fe, New Mexico, August 12, 2011: An exhibition of new work by Southwest landscape painter, Ed Mell, opens at The Owings Gallery, August 12, 2011

Opening August 12<sup>th,</sup> 2011, is Ed Mell's first exhibition at the new Owings Gallery space, and his first solo exhibition in Santa Fe in over three years. Mell has exhibited his work with The Owings Gallery for twenty-two years and his exhibitions have consistently proven popular with both local and out of town visitors.

This exhibition includes over twenty-five new paintings, each painted in Mell's singular style, which consistently captures the magnitude of the Southwest landscape.

Highlights of this exhibition include several scenes filled with lightning and rain, reminding us of the dynamism of not only the landscape but also the elements. *Clashing Storm*, a nearly abstract rendition of mountains and mesas dwarfed by rain clouds and lightning bolts is a study in color contrasts, with bright yellows and whites combined with ominous purples and blues

The exhibition opens August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and will be on display through September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011. An opening reception with the artist will be held at the gallery from 5 to 7pm. For further information, please contact Laura Widmar at The Owings Gallery (505) 982-6244.

The Owings Gallery was founded in Santa Fe, New Mexico by Nathaniel Owings as a gallery for 19th and 20th century American Art. Over the past twenty-five years the gallery has exhibited thousands of accomplished works by many of America's finest painters. The gallery holds approximately a dozen special exhibitions a year, which have explored a variety of historical and contemporary themes. As an active member of the thriving arts community in Santa Fe, The Owings Gallery also represents a small and very select group of contemporary artists.