ANTONIO PURI
‘PUSH & PULL’
New Exhibit Opens September 6th in Rosemont College’s Lawrence Gallery

Rosemont, PA- Inspired by the microscopic and the macroscopic, Pennsylvania artist Antonio Puri bridges the gap between the known and the unknown in the hopes of creating oneness. ‘Push & Pull’ opens at Lawrence Gallery on September 6, 2007. A free public reception to meet the artist will take place from 4-7 p.m. with an artist’s talk beginning at 4:30 p.m., in the gallery, located in Lawrence Hall on Rosemont College’s campus. Refreshments will be served. The exhibit will be on display until September 29th.

Born in Chandigarh, India, Puri came to the United States at the age of 17 to attend the Academy of Art in San Francisco. After completing his BA in fine arts and English from Coe College, Puri went on to attend law school at the University of Iowa College of Law. After five years of practicing law, Puri left the legal world and turned to painting.

Puri’s exhibit at Lawrence Gallery revisits the twentieth century abstractionist idea of ‘push and pull’ as a multidimensional task. As Puri explains, “Color and shape create a sense of ambiguity and thereby a ‘push and pull’ effect on our optical senses. These paintings address the mitotic state, or a snapshot of a cell division, and require a subjective response, whether the forms are stretching or colliding as in fusion.” The painting technique engaged by Puri conflates figures and ground relationships, resulting in a complex layering which provides a glimpse into the metaphysical where time and space become interchangeable.

Recently Puri has had solo exhibitions at the Atlantic City Art Center in New Jersey, the Galerie des Beaux Arts in the Netherlands, and the Robert Roman Gallery in Scottsdale, Arizona. Puri’s work has been shown in numerous group exhibitions in Philadelphia and New York including, The Noyes Museum of Art, McKinney Gallery at West Chester University, Philadelphia Art Alliance, Queens Museum of Art, and Susquehanna Art Gallery. Additionally his works have been exhibited in Singapore, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Chicago, and other midwest and east coast galleries.

In 2007, Puri was an artist-in-residence at the Muelensteen Art Centre in the Netherlands. Prior to that, he was the recipient of an Artists’ Fellowship Inc. Grant, a chashama Artist-In-Residence Subsidized Space Grant in New York City.
Lawrence Gallery is located in Lawrence Hall on the Rosemont College’s campus at 1400 Montgomery Avenue in Rosemont, PA. Lawrence Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on weekends by appointment. For more information, call Alexis M. Kropp, College Relations Coordinator, at 610-526-2967.

Image: “On Axis”, Acrylics and inks on canvas, 72.5”x95”, 2007

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