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In addition, video tapes by 11 other young Chicago artists will be screened in a separate section of the gallery in conjunction with the exhibition.

A public preview reception for both "Chicago Scene" and the video tapes will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, November 10. The exhibition will run through December 18. Regular gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. The gallery will be closed November 24 and 25.

According to gallery director Gerry McAllister, "Chicago Scene" will emphasize small-scale works produced since 1981 by artists working and living in Chicago. All but five of the artists are represented by leading Chicago galleries.

"The exhibition features examples from the several styles in which contemporary Chicago artists are working in the 80s," McAllister said. "The paintings and drawings range from small-scale landscapes, abstract compositions, and narrative works to neo-expressionistic portraits and drawings."

Included in the exhibition will be paintings and drawings by Karl Wirsum, Phil Hanson, Vera Klement, Robert McCauley, Jeff Colby, Dan Ramirez, Hollis Sigler, Phyllis Bramson, Michiko Itatani, Guy Whitney, and Rose Divita.

Others whose works will be on view are Michele Feder-Nadoff, Christina Ramberg, Richard Hull, Lynn Webster, Gordon Powell, John Dilg, Bill Cass, Tony Phillips, Paolo Colombo, Brent Sparlin, Jim Lutes, Joyce Fernandes, Gene Coleman and Suzan Kunz.

The 90-minute video program has been organized by Jeanine Mellinger, educational director for The Center for New Television in Chicago. It will feature short video tapes by Mellinger, D. L. Bean, Beth Berolzheimer, Arturo Cubacub, Wayne Fielding, Karl Hauser, E. D. Klepper, John Manning, Mark Petrick, Edward Rankus and Janice Tanaka. Several of the artists also composed the music used for the sound tracks on their tapes.

McAllister said that many of the video and studio artists participating in this invitational exhibition received their training at The Art Institute of Chicago and some are professors currently teaching at the Institute.

The "Chicago Scene" exhibition is sponsored by the UCSD Department of Visual Arts, the University Events Office, the UC San Diego Foundation and the Mandeville Art Gallery. Free parking near the gallery is available on weekends. Group tours may be arranged by calling (619) 452-2864.

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