

Collection of landscapes by Robert Kabak will be presented as the second exhibit of University Art Gallery

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A collection of landscapes by New York born artist Robert Kabak will be presented as the second exhibit of the new University Art Gallery at the University of California, San Diego.

The exhibition will open January 5 with a public reception scheduled for 7:00 p.m. and will run through February 18. The University Gallery, located in the Matthews Campus area of the University, is open from noon to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The exhibition will present 17 of Robert Kabak's recent landscapes of California and Arizona. The enormous canvases reflect his response to the West, and to California in particular, where he has lived since 1962. Kabak, an innovator, has created a method of expressing his sense of the dynamics of the western scene and paints on canvases 10 feet wide and 6 feet high to encompass his feeling about its magnitude.

He covers the canvas with triangles of color developing spacious landscape imagery. Color richness is a distinctive feature of his work. His style evolves from broad movements of color, and variations in sizes and shapes of color, to produce the finished effects of animation, depth and luminosity. Viewing these paintings can be an awesome experience. Confronted by these towering works, one has the feeling of being enveloped as an integral part in the vast, continuous, animated western panoramas.

Kabak is Assistant Professor of Design at the University of California, Berkeley and is on appointment to the University's Institute for the Creative Arts for the academic year 1965-66.

He received a bachelor's degree from Brooklyn College in 1952 and a master's degree in painting from Yale University two years later. Since 1956, 12 major exhibitions of his paintings have been held in New York and California. Among these were shows at the Museum of Modern Art, where he is represented in the permanent collection, the San Francisco Museum of Art, and at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art. Twenty-two of Mr. Kabak's paintings were on view through December 14 on the Berkeley campus of the University.