

# EXHIBITION

October 17, 2008 – January 4, 2009 | Sponsored by Art in the Garden



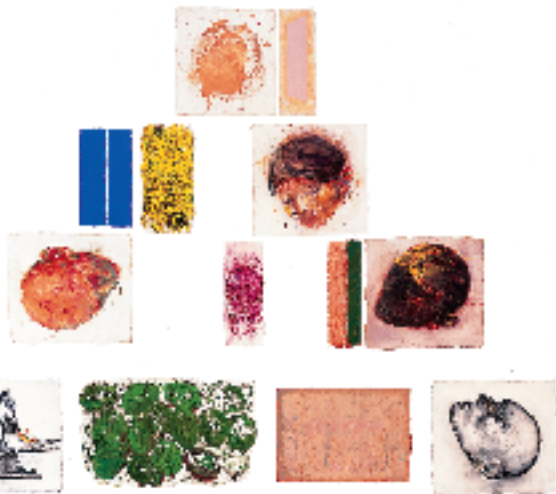
## VERA KLEMENT PAINT INTO ICON FUNDERBURG AND KULLER

Rockford Art Museum is honored to present this much-anticipated retrospective, *Vera Klement: Paint Into Icon*, celebrating the work of Chicago artist Vera Klement. One of Illinois' most distinguished painters, Klement's evocative paintings are not just about what is on the canvas, but often what is not.

Nicely balanced, large-scale abstract canvases on signature white ground are commonly paired with metaphoric objects: the vessel, suggesting the female form, and the male principal, represented by the tree trunk. Typically displayed in diptych form, the two passages often yield a poetic third. Figurative elements are often built up with layered paint, creating the illusion of mass and weight in an almost sculptural way. Sometimes elements of drawing or collage are brought into the painting, creating additional depth. Compositions also display gestural elements such as areas where paint is "thrown" or spilled on.

Vera innately understands the power of repetition, scale, layered paint and radiant color. Her love of paint is astounding: vibrant layered colors are applied in a lavish manner, echoing the gestural movement of Abstract Expressionism. Born in the Free City of Danzig (now Gdansk, Poland), Klement still resides in her adopted hometown, Chicago. She has been painting for 50 years.

*Vera Klement: Paint Into Icon* is sponsored by Art in the Garden and partially supported by grants from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency, and Rockford Area Arts Council. RAM gratefully acknowledges Women's Art Board for helping fund the exhibition catalogue. Special thanks to guest curator, Klement's former gallerist, Ingrid Fassbender of Fassbender Fine Art, Chicago. *Paint Into Icon* opens Friday, Oct. 17, and remains on display in Funderburg and Kuller galleries through Sunday, Jan. 4.



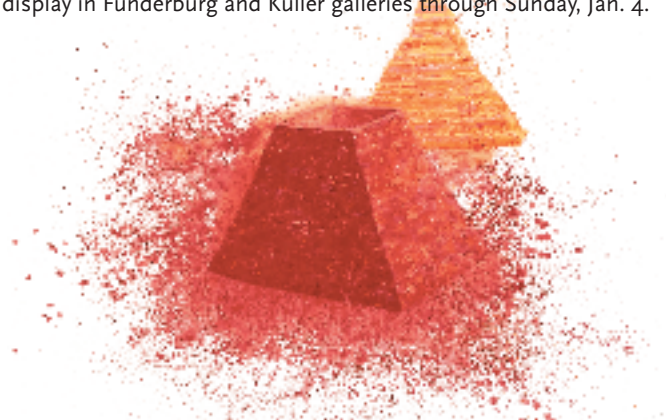
**PREVIEW GALLERY WALK**  
**FRIDAY OCTOBER 17 4:30 PM**

**MEMBERS RECEPTION**  
**FRIDAY OCTOBER 17 5:30-7 PM**  
LED BY VERA KLEMENT AND INGRID FASSBENDER

**PUBLIC OPENING**  
**FRIDAY OCTOBER 17 7-8:30 PM**

### Lecture by Vera Klement

Presented by Women's Art Board | \$5  
November 7 | noon | open to public



#### 2008 Exhibition Schedule

Fast Forward:  
The School of the  
Art Institute of  
Chicago in the  
21st Century  
Funderburg & Kuller  
thru January 6

Betsy Youngquist:  
Light of the Moon  
Kuller Gallery  
January 18–March 23

Common Thread:  
Contemporary  
Craft  
Funderburg Gallery  
January 18–March 23

67th Young  
Artist Show  
Anderson Gallery  
High School Division  
March 9–April 6  
Youth Division  
April 13–May 11

Zhou  
Brothers:  
New Beginning  
Funderburg & Kuller  
April 4–June 29

2008 Rockford  
Midwestern  
Funderburg & Kuller  
July 11–October 5

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