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Artist's Greek goddesses to join Athena

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Leiper's Fork artist Rachael McCampbell will show the strength and weakness of Greek goddesses in an exhibit set to open July 17 in the Parthenon's East Gallery.

Titled Women in Mythology: The Power of the Feminine in Ancient Tales, McCampbell's collection is of large-scale, contemporary paintings.

McCampbell's home and studio were heavily damaged in May's floods, but she was able to save the paintings.

The exhibit fits in with the theme of Greek mythology that is the hallmark of the Parthenon. The artist was inspired by the goddesses in the Getty Museum, particularly a statue of Leda and the Swan.

"Their stories and struggles are archetypal and timeless and relate to women even today," McCampbell said in a news release. "Our examination of the human condition through myths and stories is something we never tire of."

Anne Christeson, a Latin and French teacher at Montgomery Bell Academy, is the academic consultant for McCampbell and this show.

"McCampbell has made these ageless stories come to life," she said. "Each painting vividly narrates an important moment in the mythic history of these goddesses and women. The images show them both as living beings and as symbols of the eternal power and influence of the feminine throughout man's history."

The artist also will work on a triptych in the gallery on Fridays in August.

The opening reception for the exhibit will be 6-8 p.m. July 23 at Centennial Park's Parthenon. It is sponsored by SunTrust Bank. The collection will be displayed until Nov. 27.



Artist Rachael McCampbell later this month will have a Parthenon exhibit that features Greek goddesses, their stories and struggles. (JIMMY STRATTON / MUSIC CITY PHOTO)



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