Peter Happel Christian Exhibition “Sword of the Sun” in Macalester’s Law Warschaw Gallery

St. Paul, Minn. – Peter Happel Christian makes art about the experience of nature, time, and perception at the intersection of photography, sculpture, and performance. His exhibition, “Sword of the Sun,” opens Friday, February 7, with a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Law Warschaw Gallery, 130 Macalester Street, St. Paul, Minn. The exhibition runs from February 7 - March 14. Gallery hours: Monday - Friday, 10 am - 4 pm; Thursdays 10 am - 8 pm; Saturday and Sunday, Noon - 4 pm.

Happel Christian will talk about his exhibition at an artist’s talk, Wednesday, February 19, at 7 pm, in the Law Warschaw Gallery.

“Sword of the Sun” very loosely intimates the contents of a story of nearly the same title in the book Mr. Palomar by Italo Calvino. In the story, the reader hears the internal monologue of an elderly man, Mr. Palomar, while he is swimming in a nameless sea at sunset. Altogether, the exhibition is a drift through the wilderness of the artist’s home and yard, a skid through the nature of time, and an examination of how we fragment and compartmentalize the world for the purposes of contemplation and understanding.

Happel Christian currently lives and works in St. Cloud, Minn., where he is an associate professor of art at St. Cloud State University.

He has exhibited his work nationally and internationally. He is a 2011–12 recipient of the McKnight Artist Fellowship for Photography, and his forthcoming book is entitled Half Wild.

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