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in the Morris Graves Museum of Art

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Exhibition Headline: *Rebecca Johnson: Prayer for Rivers*

Exhibition Dates: April 1-May 29, 2006

Museum Hours: Wednesday - Sunday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

The Humboldt Arts Council is pleased to announce *Rebecca Johnson: Prayer for Rivers*, an installation in the Melvin Schuler Sculpture Garden at the Morris Graves Museum of Art through May 29.

Rebecca Johnson studied stone carving in quarries in Vermont, Indiana and Wales UK. Johnson implements old world methods and techniques combined with contemporary perceptions to convey her ideas about place and environment. The installation features weathered driftwood swirling to depict a rushing river, with stone boats floating along. The juxtaposition with a stone figure ending at a smooth pool of water illustrates the human interaction with nature.

"I start my work conceptually, contemplating the weight of the horizon over deep blue water or the variety of gesture in the heliotropic growth of a gestating seed. I choose shapes that are simple and infer the complex. An idea becomes grounded in the physical world when working with the tactility and momentum of an object, metal, stone, paint or paper. I draw from my environment not to replicate nature, rather to interpret what I see and feel. The materials I use and the medium in which I work are as varied and abundant as my experiences and observations. Painting and sculpture are cairns marking my places of material and poetic process."

The Morris Graves Museum of Art, located at 636 F Street, Eureka is open to the public noon-5p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Museum admission is by donation: \$4 for adults, \$1 for seniors age 55 and older; HAC Members and children age 12 and under are admitted free.

Admission is always free for everyone during each First Saturday Arts Alive!, 6-9 p.m.

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