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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS
THE COSMIC EARTH BULL SERIES BY SHEILA ISHAM
THROUGH APRIL 1, 2011 ON THE EASTERN CAMPUS**

Riverhead, NY - The Lyceum Gallery located on the Eastern Campus of Suffolk County Community College in Riverhead will present *The Cosmic Earth Bull Series*, an exhibit of paintings by Sheila Isham through April 1, 2011. Ms. Isham's colorful exhibit will also be the inaugural exhibit at the newly constructed Lyceum Gallery located in the new Montaukett Learning Resource Center at the College's Riverhead Campus.

Southampton artist, Sheila Isham, creates monumental oil paintings of animal herds migrating through a colorful, dreamlike space. Isham's animals appear contemplative and knowing, aware that they are carriers of ancient instincts, "seers" or barometers of the state of our natural environment. Isham includes primal figures, partners and guardians of the wild beasts, aware of their interconnectedness. They are the unspoiled, "noble savages," that speak for the animals and remind us of our role as custodian to all of life, great and small.

Isham's resume includes a long list of accolades. She has been painting for over fifty years and has exhibited her work in museums and galleries around the world. Her work is in a number of museum collections including The Hirshhorn Museum in Washington, D.C. and The Museum of Modern Art in New York. Isham was given a career retrospective at the Russian State Museum in St. Petersburg in 2004 that included a comprehensive exhibition catalogue titled *Sheila Isham* by Alexander Kiblitky. For more information regarding the artist visit <http://www.sheilaisham.com/>.

Directions to the Eastern Campus: Take the Long Island Expressway to exit 70. Take Country Road 111 four miles to Country Road 51. Turn left toward Riverhead and go north on County Road 51. After 3.5 miles, turn right onto Speonk-Riverhead Road to the campus entrance on the right.

For gallery hours, please call 631-548-2536.



Photo Caption: *Cosmic Earth Bull Series LX* (72 x 50 in., oil on linen) by Sheila Isham is one of the monumental works that will be on display at Suffolk County Community College's Eastern Campus through April 1, 2011 for the *Cosmic Earth Bull Series*. (Additional photos are available upon request.)

About Suffolk County Community College

Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) is the largest community college in the State University of New York (SUNY) system, enrolling approximately 25,000 students at its three campuses in Selden, Brentwood and Riverhead. SCCC offers the Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degrees, as well as a variety of certificate programs. Offering the lowest college tuition on Long Island, a highly respected Honors program, extensive extracurricular activities, championship athletic teams, and numerous unified transfer programs, SCCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students. Visit us online at sunysuffolk.edu.

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