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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS *THE LEBOWSKI CYCLE:*  
*PAINTINGS BY JOE FORKAN ON THE AMMERMAN CAMPUS IN SELDEN*  
**OCTOBER 17 THROUGH NOVEMBER 12, 2013****

Selden, NY – The Maurice N. Flecker Gallery on the Ammerman Campus of Suffolk County Community College in Selden will host *The Lebowski Cycle: Paintings by Joe Forkan* from October 17 through November 12, 2013.

An opening reception and gallery discussion will take place on Thursday, October 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event is open to the public and light refreshments will be served.

The Lebowski Cycle is a series of paintings and drawings exploring layered narratives, using masterpieces of European art and the 1998 Coen Brothers' film, *The Big Lebowski*, as a starting point. The series is the result of the artist's longstanding interest in narrative painting, particularly paintings from the Baroque and Neoclassical eras; complex figurative works that depict grand story arcs, compressing a multitude of thoughts, ideas and emotions into a singular image. However, it is the human interactions and conflicts, formal qualities, and modes of depiction that were as interesting to this artist as the specific stories. The combination led to hybrid images that reference art history, film, and contemporary art, from sources that inform, overlap and may even contradict each other, all run back through the imprecise language of painting.

Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For additional information, please call 631-451-4093.

**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 26,000 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 affordable college tuition, a highly respected Honors program, extensive extracurricular activities, championship athletic teams, and numerous transfer programs, SCCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students. Visit us online at [sunysuffolk.edu](http://sunysuffolk.edu).