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“Be Here Now” – Michelle Firment Reid at the PAC’s Gallery Through October

Tulsa, OK "**Be Here Now**," on display in the PAC’s Gallery October 2 - November 2, 2008, is an installation of 21 paintings on wood panel by Tulsa artist **Michelle Firment Reid**. The work reflects in abstract expressive form the stages of life, with nine phases of the moon waxing and waning between each life stage. Reid’s use of texture, line and gestural writing, and blues, whites and gold luminate the viewer through a meditative art journey.

A contemporary artist, described as a “romantic abstract expressionist” in her recent work, Michelle Firment Reid has been painting for the past 20 years. Born in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, she enjoyed a well traveled childhood in Europe and was influenced by the art and culture around her. She spent her later years in a suburb of Washington, D.C., where she received a BFA (1991) from The Corcoran College of Art and Design. She now resides in Tulsa with a studio located in downtown Tulsa’s Blue Dome District.

Reid’s exhibits this past year include "Taking Flight" at M.A. Doran Gallery in Tulsa and "From Here to There" in the Oklahoma Heritage Museum, Oklahoma City. This will be her third art exhibit at Tulsa PAC. Past shows in the PAC’s Gallery were "Backbone" and "Winter Solstice." More of Reid’s work can be viewed at www.michellefirmentreid.com.



“Be Here Now,” #6/21, 2008, 20” x 24”
Installation close-up view, acrylic and oil on panel

The PAC Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and during Chapman Music Hall events. Admission is free.

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