



**For Immediate Release:**

**5151 Penn Gallery to Host Fabrizio Gerbino's *Tria Prima***

PITTSBURGH, PA --- **Fabrizio Gerbino**, accomplished painter from Florence, Italy, opens his new solo show, *Tria Prima*, at 5151 Penn Avenue in Pittsburgh. This show featuring several new paintings and also work showcased elsewhere will open Friday, December 1, 2006 from 7-11pm and will continue through December 29, 2006. A lecture by the artist will be held on Friday, December 8, at 7pm.

Contemporary art curator and former art critic for the *Tribune-Review* Graham Shearing, says Gerbino's pallet of greys, sulphur yellows, and black evokes, "the language of formal philosophy, theology and even alchemy," with an effect that is "poignant, sad and not a little beautiful." Over the last decade and a half, Mr. Gerbino has developed a style of painting formal and exacting, though thoroughly original in its balance and organic expression. Though best known for his painting, Fabrizio Gerbino also exhibits sculptural work, an example of which may be seen at *Tria Prima*.

Over the past decade-and-a-half he has received numerous awards and accolades and exhibited a diverse range of work worldwide. Gerbino has had exhibitions in Florence, Bologna, Dusseldorf, as well as Pittsburgh; he received the Eben Demarest Grant for the 2006 award year. Mr. Gerbino's painting is permanently housed in numerous collections worldwide, including the Elmhurst Group in Pittsburgh's Rand building, the Eli Lilly Corporation, in Florence, Italy, the Villa Romana in Florence, the Casa Masaccio's Modern and Contemporary Art collection in Arezzo, Italy, and AteliersHoherweg eV, in Dusseldorf, Germany. Over the past couple of years, his art has been exhibited in Pittsburgh several times; he was selected as the Duquesne Light Company Emerging Artist at the 2005 Three Rivers Arts Festival. Most recently, his paintings appeared in the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition of the Associated Artists of Pittsburgh at the Carnegie Museum of Art.

The opening reception will include food and beverages. An artist talk is scheduled for Friday, December 8, at 7pm. The show concludes Friday, December 29 with a closing reception. Otherwise, 5151 Penn will be open via appointment.

*Tria Prima* is being curated by Alexi Morrissey.

For additional information about the space or upcoming shows, please visit the gallery website at <http://5151penn.com/> or send email to [TriaPrima@5151Penn.com](mailto:TriaPrima@5151Penn.com).