

critic's choice

Travis Walker at Down Home Furnishings

Travis Walker is one of the best of a small group of local artists who are dragging Jackson's tradition of landscape painting kicking and screaming into the 21st century.

His new show, "Views of Jackson," is currently hanging at Down Home Furnishings on Pearl Street through Sept.

14. Comprised of acrylic paintings on paper, canvas and panel, all created between July 2002 and August 2003, these paintings are an



exploration of the diverse imagery in the Jackson area.

As a graduate of Philadelphia's Tyler School of Art, Walker brings ideas and concepts to the landscape genre. As he puts it, "I am trying to bring attention to the many sides of our community: We are not only cowboys and Indians, moose and Tetons. We are tourists in crosswalks, old hotels, trailer parks, motor homes and Harley-Davidsons. At the same time, I am trying to explore the historical roots of the area, its ghost ranches and abandoned buildings. Working with different themes (i.e. old vs. new Jackson) helps me to better understand where I live and exposes the many layers of the town."