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MASTER OF FINE ARTS BIENNIAL EXHIBITION

on Display September 14 - 30, 2010

Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art, Georgia Southern University

Exhibition Dates: Tuesday, September 14th - Thursday, September 30th
Gallery Discussion: Wednesday, September 22nd, 5-7pm
Reception: Friday, September 24th, 5-7pm

An exhibition highlighting artwork by alumni and Master of Fine Art candidates from the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art graduate program is now on display in the Center for Art & Theatre. Located in the Contemporary and University Galleries, the 2010 MFA Biennial Exhibition will be on display until September 30, 2010. The public is invited to attend a reception celebrating the fine accomplishments of these artists will take place on Friday, September 24 from 5 - 7pm.
The exhibition features the work of 21 artists who continue to push visual and conceptual boundaries through drawing, painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry and small metals. “This exhibition is a fantastic opportunity to showcase an impressive group of emerging artists with the outstanding work of alumni who have transitioned into professional artists,” said Gallery Director, Marc Mitchell. “Over the years, the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art has played an integral role in educating many of Georgia’s practicing artists. Having an exhibition such as this will allow for a continued discourse between artists past, present and future.”

Exhibiting Artists Include:
Master of Fine Art Alumni: Dorothy Eckmann, Margo Hutchins, Michael Morrison, Sarah Rene and Linda Whitt Smith; Master of Fine Art Candidates: Stephanie Arends Neal, Colleen Beyer, Kristina Brennan, Kate Felzien, Kristin Lawhon Kyzer, Jason McCoy, Alla Parsons, Alicia Perez, Patricia Quilichini, Max Rebel, Kimberly Riner, Virginia Russel, Wesley Stewart, Eric Whitaker, Brent Williams and Ian Winsemius.

Dedicated to serving the public of Southeast Georgia, as well as the university community, the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art (BFSDoArt) is geared toward an interdisciplinary interpretation of art and culture. “The BFSDoArt MFA graduate program is diverse with degree specialization available in 2 and 3 Dimensional Art, plus Graphic Design. These areas cover Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Paper Making & Book Arts, Jewelry & Metalsmithing, Ceramics, Sculpture and the design of print and media graphics. Additionally, specific courses are tailored to the professional practices necessary for the studio artist, like Art Theory & Criticism and Critical Readings in Contemporary Art. Our graduate student body is dynamic, energetic and passionately focused on aesthetics. It includes local, regional, and international students who provide student centered reflections on art, culture, and the human need of expression. The micro-community created by the graduate students (more than 25) creates connections and points of discussion that become part of the learning and graduate school experience.” explains MFA Director, Marc Moulton.

The Master of Fine Arts Degree (MFA) is recognized as the terminal or highest degree for studio art and design professions. The MFA degree prepares students for professional careers as practicing artists and designers; for positions as studio art professors in higher education; or for work in other arts-related fields requiring advanced study in the studio arts. A panel discussion focusing on the role of the Master of Fine Arts in education and professional development, involving both students and faculty, will be held on Wednesday, September 22 from 5 - 7pm.

For more information on gallery programming, please visit our website.
All events are free and open to the public. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Georgia Southern University will honor requests for reasonable accommodations. For more information contact the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art at (912) GSU.ARTS or online at http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/art

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