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EMERGING ARTISTS' WORK ON VIEW AT THE MUSEUM OF ART, UNH

DURHAM, N.H. – Two outstanding exhibitions, the *2009 Senior B.A. and B.F.A. Exhibition* and the *2009 M.F.A. Thesis Exhibition (I)* will be on view at the Museum of Art beginning April 18, 2009.

Showcasing the artistic talents of students graduating from the University of New Hampshire's Department of Art and Art History, the exhibitions include a wide variety of creative work in painting, ceramics, photography, drawing, woodworking, and printmaking. Both exhibitions will open with a preview reception on Friday, April 17, from 6 – 8 p.m. The artists will be present for the reception, which is open to the public. Admission is free.

2009 Senior B.A. and B.F.A. Exhibition

The *2009 Senior B.A. and B.F.A. Exhibition* features works by seven New Hampshire candidates for the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, including: Maura L. Carignan of Rollinsford; Jameson Davis Copp of North Hampton; Jessica Engel of Dover; Bob Jones of Dover; Kelsey Keenan of Dover; Ryan Howell of Exeter; and Amber Tozzie of Dover.

After an intense program of study, the students enrolled in the B.F.A. program draw upon their own experiences and interests to develop a strong body of work to showcase in this annual exhibition.

Through both abstract and representational means, they examine the visual relationships between light, shape, texture, and color. Their works encompass a range of subject matter, from still-life and the human figure, to interior spaces and landscapes. Drawn from direct observation or the imagination, these works reflect each artist's vision, style, and technique.

Bachelor of Arts degree candidates from the University of New Hampshire's Art and Art History Department, whose work will also be on view, include: Erin Anderson, Lee Avallone, Molly Baechtold, Amy Denham, Alex Evangelou, Katherine Genevieve, Brittany Gomes, Joetta Gonzalez, Ruth A. Hayden, Will Johnson, Joanna A. Karambelas, Krysta Kincaid, Kayleigh J. Lemieux, Kathleen Littleton, Nicholas H. Mastrostefano, Adrianna K. Neefus, Tiffany Nye, Jennifer Paquin, Britt Peterson, Carly Popovich, Emily Laurelle Silfies, Jaime Van Leuven, and Samantha Wakely.

The *2009 Senior B.A. and B.F.A. Exhibition* will be on view through May 23, 2009 (closed May 5-7). It is funded in part by the Friends of the Museum of Art.

Selected images from the *2009 Senior B.A. and B.F.A. Exhibition* include:

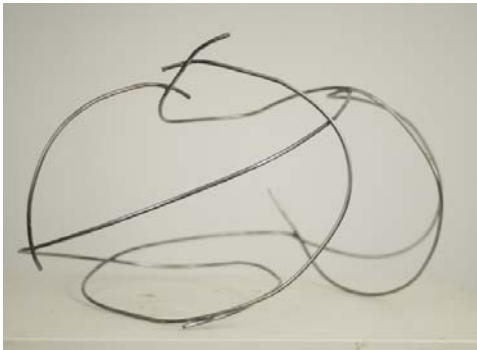


Bob Jones, *Walking Man I*, 2009, clay on aluminum, 16.5" x 7.5" x 10"

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Ryan Howell, *Cafetorium*, 2008, inkjet print, 16" x 24"
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Amber Tozzie, *Untitled*, 2008-09, steel

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Jameson Davis Copp, *Aeolian Process*, terra sigliata, 2009, 5' x 3'

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Jessica Engel, *Lexicon*, 2009, digital photograph, 20" x 30"
http://www.unh.edu/art-gallery/images/BA_BFA_2009/Jessica_Engel_Lexicon.jpg



Maura L. Carignan, *7 Bowls Impaled*, 2008, mixed media, 6' x 2'
http://www.unh.edu/art-gallery/images/BA_BFA_2009/Maura_L_Carignan.jpg



Kelsey Keenan, *Half a Day* (detail), 2008, acrylic on canvas, 5' x 7'

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2009 M.F.A. Thesis Exhibition (I)

A more intensive artistic exploration can be viewed in the concurrent exhibition showcasing the works of graduate students in the M.F.A. degree program in painting. The *2009 M.F.A. Thesis Exhibition (I)* features the work of M.F.A. candidates Christopher Dolan and Gregory Poulin. Dolan's non-representational compositions begin with direct observation of the environment. His open-ended process of revision and reductions results in expressions of visual space where the relationship between object and space becomes ambiguous. Poulin's works explore the contrasts and contradictions found between interior spaces and the external environment. His most recent work explores the relationship that humans have with the environment and their surroundings, which he finds can at times be indifferent and conflicted, but ultimately intertwined.

The *2009 M.F.A. Thesis Exhibition (I)* will be on view April 18 through May 4, 2009. It is funded in part by the Friends of the Museum of Art and the Department of Art and Art History.

Selected images available from the *2009 M.F.A. Thesis Exhibition (I)* include:



Christopher Dolan, *Durham Tabletop #3*, 2008, oil on canvas
http://www.unh.edu/art-gallery/images/MFA_I_2009/Christopher_Dolan_Durham_Tabletop.jpg



Gregory Poulin, *In the Garden*, 2009, oil on linen
http://www.unh.edu/art-gallery/images/MFA_I_2009/Gregory_Poulin_In_the_Garden.jpg

The Museum of Art presents exhibitions and programs open to the public free of charge. Weekly programs offered in conjunction with the current exhibitions include:

Public Programs

All Museum of Art programs are in the Paul Creative Arts Center (PCAC) and are open to the public free of charge.

April 20 – Brown Bag Lunch Film Series: “Louise Bourgeois: The Spider, the Mistress & the Tangerine” Noon, free, Room A204, Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic Way, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, 03824-2617, (603) 862-3712, www.unh.edu/moa, museum.of.art@unh.edu

April 21 – ArtBreak: Gallery Talk Candidates in UNH's Master of Fine Arts degree program, Christopher Dolan and Gregory Poulin, discuss their work currently on view. 12:40 – 1:30 p.m., free, Museum of Art, Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic Way, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, 03824-2617, (603) 862-3712, www.unh.edu/moa, museum.of.art@unh.edu

April 22 – ArtBreak: Undergraduate Research Conference: Naked Arts Act I, Gallery Talk Candidates in UNH's Bachelor of Arts degree program, Jameson Davis Copp, Jessica Engel, Ryan Howell, and Bob Jones, discuss their work currently on view. Noon, free, Museum of Art, Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic Way, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, 03824-2617, (603) 862-3712, www.unh.edu/moa, museum.of.art@unh.edu

April 27 – Brown Bag Lunch Film Series: “Shadow of the House: Photographer Abelardo Morell” (AHP Productions, 2007, 78 min.) Noon, free, Room A204, Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic Way, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, 03824-2617, (603) 862-3712, www.unh.edu/moa, museum.of.art@unh.edu

April 28 – Performance: “Art & Dance” Students from the Department of Theatre and Dance perform under the direction of professor Gay Nardone. 10 – 11 am, free, Museum of Art, Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic Way, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, 03824-2617, (603)862-3712, www.unh.edu/moa, museum.of.art@unh.edu

April 29 – ArtBreak: Gallery Talk Candidates in UNH's Bachelor of Fine Arts degree program, Maura L. Carignan, Kelsey Keenan, and Amber Tozzie, discuss their work currently on view. Noon, free, Museum of Art, Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic Way, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, 03824-2617, (603) 862-3712, www.unh.edu/moa, museum.of.art@unh.edu

May 8 – Preview Reception: The new exhibition, “2009 M.F.A. Thesis Exhibition II” is presented to the public. 5-7 p.m., free, Museum of Art, Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic Way, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, 03824-2617, (603)862-3712, www.unh.edu/moa, museum.of.art@unh.edu

The Museum of Art is open during the academic year: Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; closed Fridays and May 5-7. The Museum of Art will be open on Commencement Day, Saturday, May 23, from 1-3 p.m.

The exhibitions and programs are supported in part by the Friends of the Museum of Art. Guided group tours for schools and other organizations are available with advance reservation by contacting Catherine A. Mazur, education and publicity coordinator, at catherine.mazur@unh.edu or 603-862-3713. For more information on the exhibitions and programs, contact the Museum of Art at 603-862-3712, museum.of.art@unh.edu, or visit www.unh.edu/moa.

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