

# THE ART GALLERY



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### **GRADUATE PAINTERS PRESENT NEW WORK AT THE ART GALLERY, UNH**

DURHAM, N.H. – An exhibition showcasing the artistic talents of two graduate students receiving a Masters of Fine Arts degree in painting from the University of New Hampshire’s Department of Art and Art History will be on view at The Art Gallery beginning Tuesday, May 8, 2007. The “2007 M.F.A. Thesis Exhibition II” showcases the works of artists Michelle Arnold of Wheaton, Ill., and Jamie Bowman of Dannemora, N.Y. A preview reception with the artists will take place on Monday, May 7, from 5 – 7 p.m.

Michelle Arnold’s oil paintings capture the scale and grandeur of the art and architecture she encountered while living and working in Italy. Her shadowy depictions evoke a sense of quiet solitude that emerges from once-crowded spaces. Jamie Bowman’s drawings and paintings reflect the fleeting quality of memories. Her landscapes, portraits, and still-life images are based on observation, but, like memories, they hover between clarity and fading obscurity.

Arnold and Bowman will present a gallery talk on Wednesday, May 9, at noon in The Art Gallery, offered as part of the weekly ArtBreak series. The “2007 M.F.A. Thesis Exhibition II” will be on view through May 19, 2007, and is funded in part by the Department of Art and Art History.

Running concurrently is the “2007 Senior B.A. and B.F.A. Exhibition,” featuring the work of five candidates for the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, including: Jason Bombaci of Concord, N.H. (painting); Maggie Cedarstrom of Meredith, N.H. (painting); Christopher Hobbs of Hampstead, N.H. (drawing and painting); Ryan Murphy of Cambridge, Mass. (painting); and Nathaniel Raymond of Exeter, N.H. (printmaking).

Both graduate and undergraduate exhibitions are funded in part by the Friends of The Art Gallery.

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

**ArtBreak Series: Wednesday, noon – 1 p.m.**

All programs are in the Paul Creative Arts Center (PCAC).

**May 2: Gallery Talk** by B.F.A. candidates Jason P. Bombaci, Maggie Cedarstrom, Chris Hobbs, Ryan Murphy, and Nathaniel Raymond. The Art Gallery

**May 9: Gallery Talk** by M.F.A. candidates Michelle Arnold and Jamie Bowman. The Art Gallery

The Art Gallery 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. The Art Gallery will be open on Commencement Day, Saturday, May 19, from 1-3 p.m.

The exhibitions and programs are supported in part by the Friends of The Art Gallery. 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](mailto:catherine.mazur@unh.edu) or 603-862-3713. For more information on the exhibitions and programs, contact The Art Gallery at 603-862-3712, [art.gallery@unh.edu](mailto:art.gallery@unh.edu), or visit [www.unh.edu/art-gallery](http://www.unh.edu/art-gallery).

**Editors:** The following high-resolution photos of works in the “2007 M.F.A. Thesis Exhibition II” are available for download:



Michelle Arnold, *Advent I*, 2006, oil on canvas, 18” x 24”  
[http://www.unh.edu/art-gallery/images/MFA\\_II\\_2007/Michelle\\_Arnold\\_Advent\\_I.jpg](http://www.unh.edu/art-gallery/images/MFA_II_2007/Michelle_Arnold_Advent_I.jpg)



Jamie Bowman, *Portrait Series: Claire*, 2007, oil on linen, 7” x 5”  
[http://www.unh.edu/art-gallery/images/MFA\\_II\\_2007/Jamie\\_Bowman\\_Portrait\\_Series\\_Claire.jpg](http://www.unh.edu/art-gallery/images/MFA_II_2007/Jamie_Bowman_Portrait_Series_Claire.jpg)