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May 3 M.F.A. Exhibition and year-end celebration

See why Herron School of Art and Design's Master of Fine Arts Program ranks in top 20 among public universities

Revelers who join Herron School of Art and Design's year-end celebration will get a good sense of all that Herron has to offer.

The events take place on May 3 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and include

- the annual announcement of honors and awards at the IUPUI Campus Center
- the opening of the *2012 M.F.A. Exhibition* and other exhibits in the Herron Galleries
- and an Eskenazi Hall-wide open house

The festivities will also provide evidence of why *U.S. News and World Report's 2013 Best Graduate Schools* ranks The Master of Fine Arts program at Herron 20th among public universities and 45th overall.

"It's remarkable that Herron has reached this rank when our M.F.A. programs have had only three graduating classes," said Dean Valerie Eickmeier. "Next academic year, we're launching programs in three additional studio disciplines plus Art Therapy. I expect that as our graduates fan out across the globe, our reputation will only grow.

"This recognition is a testament to the quality of our faculty, the students' work, Herron's unique approach to learning and our commitment to providing ample professional practice experiences for students who desire them," she said.

Gallery Director Paula Katz said, "The M.F.A. show is one of my absolute favorite shows of the year because you truly get to see the accomplishments of the students over the last 20 months. It is amazing to see how they expand their practice, develop their theories and put new techniques into play.

"When you meet the students at the beginning of their first semester of graduate school," she continued, "you can hardly believe what they will accomplish in such a short amount of time. These students are truly lucky to have learned and grown from each other as well as our talented faculty."

The Robert B. Berkshire, Eleanor Prest Reese and Dorit and Gerald Paul Galleries will feature five Visual Communication graduates and all fine art graduates with the exception of Rob Wolley, who will build out a special installation using the architecture of the Basile Gallery for his work.

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Tom's Trap, 2011, ash and red oak, 21x18.5x52 inches, Aaron J. Miley, M.F.A. '12 Furniture Design
photo: Cory Robinson

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Data Analysis, February 2012,
Photograph, 8x6,
Bridget Hawryluk, M.F.A. '12 Visual
Design Communication
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Untitled (Touch Screen) Wood, PVC
Foam, Liquid Crystal 79"x48", 2011
Brian Gonzales, M.F.A. '12
Printmaking
Photo courtesy: Brian Gonzales

A new feature this year will be a show of works by Menz Award nominees in the Marsh Gallery. "Craig McDaniel [associate dean and professor] suggested the Menz exhibition," said Katz. "It will highlight some of the exceptionally talented seniors graduating from Herron this May." This year there were nine nominees:

Renee Farina – Art History

Laura Hergenroether – Photography

McKenzie Hogan – Art History

Bootsarin Kumthip – General Fine Arts (Sculpture & Furniture Design)

Ruth Melin – Art History

Jennifer Padgett – Printmaking

Marna Shopoff – Painting

Benjamin Sunderlin – Sculpture

Joanna Tanaskovich – Painting

The nominees made public presentations about their work on April 4 in the Basile Auditorium. More than 200 faculty, staff, students and other interested persons from around campus and the community attended. Associate Professor Vance Farrow said, "Watching graduating upper-classmen presenting their work and hearing about their post-graduation intentions is an invaluable experience for our undergraduates, both educationally and in terms of morale."

Established in 1978, the Mildred Darby Menz Award recognizes a graduating senior who demonstrates promise of substantial achievement and plans to continue his or her studies in the U.S. or abroad. Only one Menz Award can be given each year. Attend the Honors and Awards announcement to find out who earned this year's Menz Award.

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