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Summary: A public reception will be held from 7 until 9 on Thursday, March 24.

(March 14, 2011)-Art work by both art and nonart majors will be on display during the 2011 Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition in the Humanities Fine Arts (HFA) Gallery at the University of Minnesota, Morris. The opening reception will be held from 7 until 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 24. The show runs from March 24–April 16. This year's student show features a comprehensive assortment of media. The rich variety of two-dimensional works, such as drawings, paintings, photos, and prints, is balanced by an equally impressive display of exquisite mixed-media works, book arts, sculpture, and ceramic pieces.

For the sixth consecutive year, an impartial professional juried the art submitted for the annual student exhibition. This year's juror was Ben Heywood, executive director of The Soap Factory. Heywood selected 52 pieces by 35 students, roughly a third of the total submissions, making this student show highly competitive and all the more exciting.

A British citizen, Heywood is a graduate of Oxford University and the Courtauld Institute of Art. He was the deputy director of The Henry Moore Sculpture Trust for three years. For six years he was an officer in the Visual Arts Department at the Arts Council of England, the national governmental arts funding body, leading the development of national policy on public art, architecture, and design. He relocated to Minneapolis in 2002.

Based in a Victorian soap factory on the banks of the Mississippi in Minneapolis, The Soap Factory has been presenting innovative programs in the visual arts to the Twin Cities since 1995. The Soap Factory is the largest space devoted to emerging contemporary art in the United States.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. until 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday, and 1 until 4 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information, contact [Michael Eble](#), HFA Gallery Curator, at 320-589-6285.

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