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The work of artist Michelle Leedahl '10 featured at Pope Art

Summary: Leedahl completed a bachelor of arts in studio art this spring and is the featured artist at Pope Art this summer.

(June 18, 2010)-Pope Art will host a gallery reception for 2010 featured artist Michelle Leedahl '10, Glenwood, from 6 until 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, 2010. Leedahl's work has a sense of the storyteller about it. Inspired by the great poets, she turns the constructive process of poetry into a visual display. Acknowledging rapid-fire contemporary media, Michelle uses paneling to break up the format of her images like a poet uses line and meter.

“Comic strips, storyboard planning, film, and photo editing all contain some form of sequential art or separate frames,” says Leedahl. “We have grown accustomed to a story being told through a plethora of images that represent the same object or event, such as zooming or switching angles. My work employs a mixture of media and textures: Visually, I correspond these with diction, which is the texture of a poem. Utilizing poetry as an inspiration for my art, I tie in my biological interests and use a combination of construction and deconstruction to portray my subjects. This method allows me to investigate storytelling in a visual format, which embodies characters to tell their stories through a variety of media and textures portraying the heart of the story.

Leedahl completed a bachelor of arts in studio art at the University of Minnesota, Morris this spring. She leaves Pope County later this summer to teach English in South Korea.

Pope Art is a gallery of fine and performing arts located in Terrace. For directions and a complete schedule of performances visit www.popeart.org or call 320-278-7469. Pope Art is supported in part by patron contributions and grants from the Lake Region Arts Council through a Minnesota State Legislative appropriation.

Weight Of The Human Element by Leedahl

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