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2006 Juried Student Exhibition

Summary: Exquisite mixed-media sculptural works and ceramic pieces by both art and non-art majors will be on view during the 2006 Juried Student Art Exhibition in the HFA Gallery March 23-April 15.

(March 3, 2006)-Work by both art and non-art majors will be on view during the 2006 Juried Student Art Exhibition in the Gallery of Humanities Fine Arts at the University of Minnesota, Morris. An opening public reception will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23. The show runs March 23-April 15.

In addition to a rich variety of two-dimensional works, such as drawings, paintings, photos and prints, the exhibition will include exquisite mixed-media sculptural works and ceramic pieces.

For the first time in the history of this annual student exhibit an outside juror was brought in to jury the work for the show. Rusty Freeman, vice president of curatorial and education at the Plains Art Museum in Fargo, N.D., was selected to be this year's inaugural juror. Freeman has curated and organized many outstanding exhibitions, including "Duane Hanson: Portraits from the Heartland." He has organized solo exhibitions for artists Brad Tucker, Maria Friberg, Clair Corey, Kelly Nipper, Adam Chodzko, and Paul Wong along with the exhibitions "The Walter Piehl, Jr. Retrospective" and the nationally-toured "The Art of William Edmondson." He has published essays in *Folk Art Magazine* and *Thieme-Becker Kunsterlexikon*.

Freeman wrote in his juror's statement for the exhibit, "It is always important to have the opportunity to review what artists are doing at a university campus. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting the beautiful campus, touring the outstanding art building and seeing so much good art, which is indicative of a strong art program. Rather unexpected to see all this in Morris, Minnesota. There is much to be learned from so many local regional artists working in one place I trust the town will come out to see what the students are doing."

Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday 1-5 p.m., Saturday. For more information call 589-6248.

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