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Summary: The HFA Gallery presents <em>You Complete Me</em>, which features the work of mixed media artists Liz Miller and David Hamlow, on Thursday, October 18, 2012.

(October 4, 2012)-The HFA Gallery presents You Complete Me, an exhibition featuring the work of two mixed media artists who happen to be a couple. Liz Miller's mixed media installations and works on paper recontextualize shapes, signs, and symbols from disparate historical and contemporary images to create abstract fictions. Miller co-opts, alters, splices, and recombinest existing forms from a multitude of sources, and through this process, the shapes lose their real-world connotations, adopt hybrid identities, and take on fictitious roles. David Hamlow’s work addresses the interface of art-making and daily life, particularly the refashioning of typical activity, routine, and habit into aesthetic archives, artifacts, and performance rituals. Through a variety of media ranging from drawing series to large-scale sculpture and multi-media installation, his works reveal the habitual in the creative and the monumental in the mundane.

Miller received her BFA from the Rhode Island School of Design and her MFA from the University of Minnesota. Miller’s large-scale installations and works on paper have been featured in exhibitions nationally and internationally. Her awards include a 2011 Joan Mitchell Foundation Painters & Sculptors Grant, a 2011-12 McKnight Foundation Fellowship for Visual Artists, a 2007-08 MCAD/Jerome Foundation Fellowship, and Artist Initiative Grants from the Minnesota State Arts Board in 2007, 2009, and 2012. Miller’s work has been featured in art ltd, Art in America, and The Huffington Post. She is an associate professor of drawing/foundations at Minnesota State University-Mankato.

Hamlow received an MFA in painting and drawing from the University of Minnesota in 2005. He is a 2003 and 2009 recipient of Minnesota State Arts Board Individual Artist Grants. Hamlow has shown his work regionally, nationally, and internationally, and his shows include Above Is Below at the Minneapolis Institute of Art, Wild Culture at Gainesville State College in Georgia, Cashing Out at the Kala Institute in Berkley, California, and 9 x 12 in Budapest, Hungary. Recent solo installations include Shiftwork at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, When You Put It That Way at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and Drop City Redux at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh. Hamlow is adjunct art faculty at Minnesota State University-Mankato and Bethany Lutheran College. He and his wife, artist Liz Miller, live and maintain a studio in Good Thunder, Minnesota.

Miller and Hamlow will both give artist lectures on Thursday, October 18, at 6:00 p.m. in Humanities Fine Arts 6. A reception for the artists will follow from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the gallery.

You Complete Me will run from October 18 through November 21, 2012.

For more information, please contact Michael Eble, associate professor of studio art and HFA Gallery curator, at 320-589-6285 or meble@morris.umn.edu. Gallery hours are 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Friday, and 1:00-4:00 p.m. Saturday.

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