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Summary: Origa-Mai and Beadful-Kou to be displayed in the Student Center

(May 11, 2010)-Each year, the Student Center Art Committee chooses artwork from the Annual Senior Studio Arts Exhibit for permanent display in the Student Center. This year, the committee chose two works by Yang Mee Moua, St. Paul.

Much of Yang’s work has focused on abstract and symbolic pieces, like Origa-Mai and Beadful-Kou, the work chosen for the Student Center. Being able to explore her ethnic identity, Hmong, has been important to her artistic growth.

Yang’s family lived in Thailand until 1993 before moving to the United States. Although Yang doesn’t remember much of her former life, the act of creating art that reflects her heritage has been freeing.

“This is my culture. This is who I am.”

After graduation, Yang plans to move back to the Twin Cities Hmong community where she hopes to do community work before attending graduate school.

Photo below: Origa-Mai and Beadful-Kou

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