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Quick Facts

- Two Winthrop Galleries exhibitions will open to the public on April 12.
- There will be an opening reception on Friday, April 14.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - The "**18th Annual Undergraduate Juried Exhibition**" and the "**M.F.A. Thesis Exhibition**" open to the public April 12 at Winthrop University Galleries. An opening reception will honor the artists with a **Patrons of the Gallery Awards Presentation** on Friday, April 14, from 6:30-8:45 p.m.

Rutledge Gallery hosts the "**18th Annual Undergraduate Juried Exhibition**" for students enrolled in Winthrop's Department of Art and Design April 12-June 23. Entries in all disciplines including metals/jewelry, painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, sculpture, ceramics, graphic design and interior design will be considered by juror Katie Lee, curator at the Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art in Charleston.

The "**M.F.A. Thesis Exhibition**" in the **Elizabeth Dunlap Patrick Gallery** and on the campus grounds showcases the work of three graduate students in sculpture. Included are the environmentally-based large-scale wood and steel sculpture of Jerry Austin; the quiet and contemplative sculptural paper installation by Petra Carroll; and the performance art and sculptural installations of Rae Goodwin that deal with the transformation of tragedy into beauty. The three M.F.A. candidates will present a gallery talk Tuesday, April 18, at 7 p.m. in the Rutledge and Patrick Galleries.

The Friday, April 14, reception will honor all the exhibiting students as well as Windows With A View artist **Bill McRight** currently exhibiting in the Rutledge display windows. April 14 also marks the Galleries' first **Big Friday Mini Alumni Reunion** beginning at 3 p.m. in Rutledge Auditorium. Big Friday Alumni Reunion Chair Reed Elliott of Atlanta, Ga., will introduce artists McRight and Paul Matheny, who each will present a slide lecture about their work. Matheny was an earlier Windows with a View artist whose art also will be on display during the month of April at Rock Hill's Center for the Arts.

Big Friday events continue with a performance art piece by Rae Goodwin. Entitled "brocade entrapment," the piece is scheduled from 4-7 p.m. in the Elizabeth Dunlap Patrick Gallery.

The festivities of **Big Friday** are headlined at 6:45 p.m. as Winthrop's Alf Ward leads an all-star Last Dance Blues Band in a rocking performance. At 7:30 p.m., art and design student Cara Bolton will turn the attention back to undergraduate artists with her performance art piece, "A Live Performance by Diana Ross," followed by the Patrons of the Gallery Awards Presentation with master of ceremonies Jerry Walden. The awards will be capped off by the crowning of the Big Friday King and Queen and their inaugural dance with music by the Last Dance Blues Band.

Also on view in the **Edmund D. Lewandowski Student Gallery** will be the "**M.F.A. Works in Progress Exhibition**" including artists Charlotte Zweber, Kathleen Burke, Erica Shaver and Kim Dick.

The exhibition, lectures, Big Friday reception and Patrons Award Presentation all are open and free to the public.

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