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ROCK HILL, S.C. - A glimpse of the many diverse talents of the fine art and design faculty at Winthrop, all practicing artists and designers as well as educators, will be captured during the “Fine Arts and Design Faculty Exhibition” at Winthrop University Galleries.

To celebrate the dedicated creative faculty, a free public opening reception will be held on Friday, Nov. 6, from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Rutledge and Elizabeth Dunlap Patrick Galleries. Also opening will be a “Conversations with an Echo” exhibition by Paul Martyka, associate professor of fine arts, and “Trials and Revelations,” an exhibition by Seth Rouser, Department of Fine Arts instructor.

“It is always exciting to bring together this talented group of artists and designers. The Faculty Exhibition is an opportunity to truly share the strength and range of talent of our faculty as a whole and showcase the creativity they bring to Winthrop students as their work gathers in one space,” said Karen Derksen, assistant director of the Winthrop University Galleries.

This year’s group faculty exhibition opening in the Rutledge Gallery will feature artwork created by faculty from the Department of Fine Arts and the Department of Design in a variety of disciplines including ceramics, photography, painting, drawing, sculpture and wearable art. The 19 talented artists and designers showcased include: Dave Brown, Kathleen Burke, Shaun Cassidy, Jim Connell, Patrick Deibel, Laura Gardner, Tom Garner, Mike Goetz, Mark Hamilton, Mike Lavine, Doug McAbee, Marge Loudon Moody, Phil Moody, Janice Mueller, Jenny Zito Payne, Seth Rouser, Seymour Simmons, Tom Stanley and Courtney Starrett. The exhibition will run Nov. 9, 2009-Jan. 14, 2010.

Opening in the Patrick Gallery is an exhibition by Martyka, the fourth recipient of the Elizabeth Dunlap Patrick Faculty Grant. This grant was established to further new work, research or collaboration by faculty culminating in an exhibition project in the Patrick Gallery. Martyka’s exhibition “Conversations with an Echo” focuses on his exploration
of hand-printed cut paper collages. In the intricate details of this work, Martyka references cultural identities or art historical pieces as inspiration for color and form. Martyka will present an artist talk in the Patrick Gallery on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m. The exhibition also will run Nov. 9, 2009-Jan. 14, 2010.

“Trials and Revelations” is an exhibition by Rouser opening in Rutledge Windows with a View. This exhibition will run Nov. 3-24. The work for this exhibition will be process-driven using a polymer lift from glass technique. Rouser will paint directly on the glass, layering paint, then cutting and removing sections which will be re-established by subsequent layering. This can be viewed in process at certain times of day as he works on the interior of the right window. “The Passion of Joan of Arc,” a silent film by director Carl Dreyer, will play simultaneously in the left window. The film is meant to be a metaphor for the work itself, which will be impromptu. Thus the film will give the impression that Rouser’s artistic merit is on trial. Rouser will create pieces from this process-stripping the image off the glass to be displayed behind the film in the next window.

There are several upcoming student exhibitions in the Edmund D. Lewandowski Student Gallery. Opening on Nov. 2 and running until Nov. 19 is “Foundations Exhibition,” which showcases artwork from freshman undergraduate students at Winthrop. Taking place Nov. 30-Dec. 17 is “Art Education Senior Student Exhibition,” which focuses on the personal work created by senior art education majors.

All exhibitions, presentations and receptions are open and free to the public. Winthrop University Galleries is located in Rutledge Building and McLaurin Hall on Winthrop’s campus. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., with galleries closed on weekends and school holidays. Winthrop University Galleries will be closed Nov. 25-27.

For more information, call 803/323-2493, or visit the Winthrop University Galleries online.