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## MBAG exhibits student, faculty works

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The talents of Oakland University's **Department of Art and Art History** are on display through Sunday, May 18, at **Meadow Brook Art Gallery** (MBAG) in "STEPS," the ninth annual student/faculty art exhibition. The exhibition contains 68 student pieces and six faculty pieces.

"The exhibition title refers to the steps an artist takes as they begin working on their craft, and it also refers to a student video titled 'STEPS,'" said MBAG Director and Assistant Professor of Art and Art History Dick Goody. "The exhibit is open to all students who take studio art classes at OU and studio art faculty, and the pieces can be on anything at all."

The art varies widely in choice of material, from oil on canvas and tempera on panel to silver gelatin prints and video presentations. One interesting piece by student Rachel Deisenroth, titled "Mindless Entertainment," is a colorful, somewhat abstract oil painting depicting the interior of a home or apartment with evidence of the trappings of commercialism. The comments provided by the artist state "True relaxation for the shallow end of the pool."

Another piece by Special Lecturer in Art and Art History Keri M. Grayson, titled "This Breath Will Not Be Your Last," is a series of five framed black and white digital transparencies arranged like spokes on a wheel and suspended from the ceiling by nylon string to hang at eye level. The transparencies depict a woman slowly becoming submerged in a frothing pool of water. "Each time she is submerged, she returns somehow changed," according to the artist.

Student Ana Paula Ferreira contributed a charcoal and pencil drawing simply titled "Man." "One line of charcoal suggests this man's thoughts and intriguing character," Ferreira says.

Goody and Special Instructor in Art History Andrea Eis, exhibit co-curators, gave "Best of Show" honors to student Jerry White, who contributed video shorts titled "The Other Dragon (Der Andre Drache)" and "Raidho Ansuz Eihwaz."

"We were basically looking for work that is more visionary in nature and stands out technically," Goody said. "Technically, White's work was way beyond any other videos in the show. He shot the video in New Orleans and most of the work was done in OU's video lab. It's an extraordinary piece of post-production work."

There is no charge to view the exhibit. Meadow Brook Art Gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5:30 p.m. During **Meadow Brook Theatre** performances, the gallery is open Wednesday through Friday at 7 p.m. through the first intermission; and Saturday and Sunday from 5:30 p.m. through the first intermission. For more information, visit the **Meadow Brook Art Gallery** Web site or call (248) 370-3005 or e-mail [goody@oakland.edu](mailto:goody@oakland.edu).

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