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MBAG exhibit features Detroit artists

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Oakland University's **Meadow Brook Art Gallery** (MBAG) is collaborating with the Detroit Artists Market, detroit contemporary and the Paint Creek Center for the Arts on an exhibition of work by several Detroit artists. The exhibit, titled "Detroit Now," features the work of 16 artists and will run concurrently at all four galleries. The exhibit opens Friday, June 6, and concludes Sunday, June 29.

"This is the first time in recent memory that all four galleries have collaborated on an exhibit," said MBAG Director and Assistant Professor of Art and Art History Dick Goody. "Collectively, we can do something quite substantial. There hasn't been a major survey of new art in Detroit since the Detroit Institute of Arts had one in 1983. And with four different artists at each gallery, the exhibit amounts to a close look at each artist in a mini exhibition."

"Detroit Now" features artists who are known but have not gained widespread exposure.

"The artists' work is interesting in new ways," Goody said. "They're very international in their approach. The engineering ethos of Michigan gives them a certain work ethic, which is one of the ways they seem to be connected. They're very proactive in producing a product."

MBAG's opening reception for "Detroit Now" is Friday, June 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. For the first time, a video link will be made between MBAG and the Paint Creek Center for the Arts, which is hosting its opening reception that same evening from 6 to 11 p.m. The link makes it possible to view both receptions simultaneously. The opening receptions for the Detroit Artists Market and detroit contemporary are Saturday, June 7.

The artists represented at each gallery include:

Meadow Brook Art Gallery

- Shiva Ahmadi
- Eric Meier
- Renata Palubinskas
- Denise Whitebread Fanning

Detroit Artists Market

- Hartmut Austen
- Mark Dancey
- Melanie Manos
- Nolan Simon

detroit contemporary

- Fabio Fernandez
- Laith Karmo
- Senghor E. Reid
- Christian Tedeschi

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

- Marco Garcia
- Kai Kim
- Riva Sayegh
- James Stoia

There is no charge to view the exhibit. Meadow Brook Art Gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m., and

Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit the **Meadow Brook Art Gallery** Web site or call (248) 370-3005 or e-mail goody@oakland.edu. Visit the **Detroit Artists Market**, **detroit contemporary** and **Paint Creek Center for the Art** Web sites for their respective exhibit times and gallery hours.

SUMMARY

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Art Gallery is collaborating with the Detroit Artists Market, detroit contemporary and the Paint Creek Center for the Arts on an exhibition of work by several exciting Detroit artists. The exhibit, titled "Detroit Now," features the work of 16 artists and will run concurrently at all four galleries. "Detroit Now" features artists who are known but have not gained widespread exposure. The exhibit, which is free, opens Friday, June 6, and concludes Sunday, June 29. For the first time, a video link will be made between MBAG and the Paint Creek Center for the Arts, which is hosting its opening reception that same evening. The link makes it possible to view both receptions simultaneously.

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