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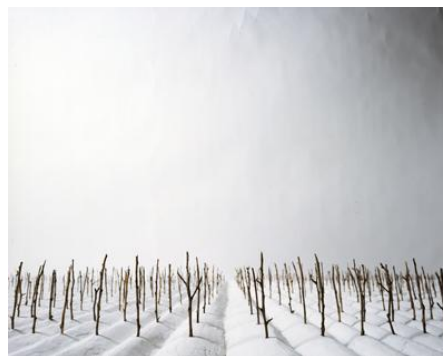
Visual Arts Department at Mason Gross School of the Arts presents Off the Map

MFA graduating candidates' exhibit opens in New York City

Thursday, April 1 – Sunday, May 2, 2010

Opening Reception: Saturday, April 10, 2010, 5:00 – 9:00 pm

New Brunswick, N.J. – Mason Gross School of the Arts is taking Manhattan with an exhibit of paintings, sculpture, works on paper, and video by more than a dozen 2010 MFA graduates. The show, called *Off the Map*, is part of the yearly *Rutgers In New York* series. *Off the Map* runs from **Thursday, April 1**, through **Sunday, May 2**, at White Box in New York City.



The Complex, a massive drawing by Brian Campbell, is a representation of a utopia, but utopia as a place devoid of people. In this fantastical image, we see imaginative structures set in a landscape of water and mountains. Campbell's work also references cinematic representations of architecture in such films as *Metropolis* and *Logan's Run*.

Lety Luevanos' paintings, along with an installation—here all the hair she has cut within the last year, encased in individual jars—serve as altars to honor the lives of Latinas murdered near Mexican border towns.

Viktor Witkowski's oil painting *Khost District, Afghanistan* depicts the site of a terrorist attack.

"While landscape's historical role has been to delineate sites of the imaginary and the ideal, I also understand it as a ground for terror," Witkowski says. "I seek to confront viewers with a semi-romantic landscape that bares minimal traces of past events. Visible consequences of war such as violence, loss, defeat and death are absent from my work. Instead of picturing war, I question its representation."

Participating *Rutgers In New York* artists are: Allan Arp; Misti Asberry; Jessica Bottalico; Brian Bulfer; Brian Scott Campbell; Paul DeMuro; Colin Edgington; Dale Klein; Marketa Klicova; Avi LaZare; Leticia Luevanos; Matthew Marchand; Matt Posey; Andy Webber; Viktor Witkowski, and Melissa Zimberg.

About Rutgers In New York

In 2001, under a mandate from Dean George B. Stauffer, Mason Gross School of the Arts began planning a new performing- and fine-arts series called *Rutgers In New York*. Dean Stauffer's vision was to enhance the educational experience of Mason Gross students by providing them with professional exposure to the arts Mecca of the world, New York City. Every year, the series takes one of the school's four disciplines to Manhattan, located just 40 miles north of the Mason Gross School, for a gala performance or exhibition.

About the Department of Visual Arts

The multidisciplinary program in Visual Arts at Mason Gross is for students who want to become professional artists and pursue their goals within the intellectual climate of a university. Studio training is offered in the areas of design, drawing, painting, photography, print, sculpture, and video with a full complement of critical studies courses. With a focus on students' individual expression, the curriculum explores the aesthetic, social, historical and personal issues that concern artists today.

About Mason Gross School of the Arts

Founded in 1976, Mason Gross School of the Arts is the arts conservatory of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, and is home to the departments of dance, music, theater arts, and visual arts. Its faculty and alumni rosters include arts professionals recognized nationally and internationally. The school's enrollment of 690 undergraduates across four departments and 314 graduate students across three departments, combined with a faculty of 190, assures students the opportunity to work closely with accomplished artists within their fields.

About Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

A comprehensive research institution with more than 50,000 students on three main campuses in New Brunswick, Newark and Camden, Rutgers comprises one of the major state university systems in the nation. Chartered in 1766 in New Brunswick as Queen's College, Rutgers is the eighth-oldest institution of higher learning in the nation.

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