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**University Art Museum presents 2015 Artists of the Mohawk Hudson Region exhibition  
juried by Rachel Uffner**

On view July 9 through September 5, 2015

**Artists' Reception:** Thursday, July 9, 5 - 8 p.m.

**Show & Tell:** Wednesday, July 29, 7 p.m.

Artists from the 2015 Mohawk Hudson Region share their influences in an unconventional format. Expect the unexpected! Gregor Wynnyczuk, Master of Ceremonies

Free and open to the public.

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**Daniel Brody**  
*Game On / Game Over*, 2015  
Digital video, 9 minutes, 15 seconds; color; sound

ALBANY, NY--- The University Art Museum is honored to present the 79<sup>th</sup> annual *Artists of the Mohawk Hudson Region*. Founded in 1936, the exhibition is among the longest-running regionals in the country and provides a leading benchmark for contemporary art activity in the Upper Hudson Valley and Adirondack regions. A significant component of the Art Museum's and the University's support of regional artists, the annual exhibition is made possible by the collaborative efforts of the University Art Museum, the Albany Institute of History & Art, and The Hyde Collection in

Glens Falls. It brings together local businesses and philanthropists whose support of the exhibition and juror's awards affirms the central role the arts play in making the region a vibrant place to live and work.

Juried by **Rachel Uffner**, the founder and director of Rachel Uffner Gallery, the *2015 Artists of the Mohawk Hudson Region Juried Exhibition* features 85 works by 44 artists. Chosen from over 1,600 entries by 367 artists, the exhibition reflects the expansive range of issues and subject matter that contemporary artists are dealing with both in the Capital Region and in the larger art world. Thirty-five area businesses, individuals, and organizations contributed over \$6,000 in exhibition support, juror and purchase awards, gift certificates, and in-kind services, demonstrating continued commitment to the exhibition, as well as an appreciation of the contribution artists make to life in our community.

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## 2015 Artists of the Mohawk Hudson Region exhibition



**Monica Bill Hughes**  
*Boob Bouquet*, 2015  
 Acrylic, ink, spray paint, and glitter on canvas  
 36 x 22 inches

Rachel Uffner is the founder and director of Rachel Uffner Gallery, established in September 2008. Uffner has been hailed as a frontrunner of the resurging Lower East Side art scene. In the last seven years, she has built an impressive selection of artists, whom she trusts to conceive interesting, original shows, and who in turn trust her feedback and judgment on their work. Two were featured in the *2014 Whitney Biennial*. Uffner's ascent is based on her keen eye, her integrity, and her passion for artistic dialogue. Her curated exhibitions draw from contemporary as well as art historical sources, always reflecting the rigor of someone constantly looking and thinking about art from multiple directions.

**2015 Artists of the Mohawk Hudson Region:** Samuray

Akarvardar, Saratoga Springs, NY; Sam Altekruise, Troy, NY; Fern T. Apfel, Kinderhook, NY; Robert Augstell, Loudonville, NY; Jess Ayotte, Albany, NY; Roger Bisbing, New Paltz, NY; Lynn Dreese Breslin, Coxsackie, NY; Rick Briggs, Preston Hollow, NY; Daniel Brody, North Chatham, NY; Colin Chase, Saugerties, NY; Brian Cirmo, Albany, NY; Susan Spencer Crowe, Kingston, NY; Peter Dellert, Holyoke, MA; Terrance DePietro, Palenville, NY; Han Dogan, Albany, NY; Angela Dufresne, Halcott Center, NY; Steven Einhorn, Delmar, NY; Jeanette Fintz, Surprise, NY; Katria Foster, Albany, NY; Sarah Fuhrman, Latham, NY; Kyra Garrigue, Troy, NY; Charles Geiger, Poughkeepsie, NY; Barry Gerson, Preston Hollow, NY; Robyn Morgan Giddings, Slingerlands, NY; Danny Goodwin, Delmar, NY; Ann Haaland, Schenectady, NY; Thomas Huber, Cold Spring, NY; Monica Bill Hughes, Wynantskill, NY; Jenny Hutchinson, Glens Falls, NY; Laura Kaufman, Cold Spring, NY; Marion Leap, Niskayuna, NY; Allyson Levy, Stone Ridge, NY; Christopher Lisio, Albany, NY; Mona Mark, Valatie, NY; John Martin, Glens Falls, NY; Doretta Miller, Saratoga Springs, NY; Ian Myers, Castleton, NY; Stephen Niccolls, Kingston, NY; Lynn Palumbo, Kingston, NY; Jock Pottle, Pine Plains, NY; Nancy R. Powhida, Ballston Spa, NY; Kelsey Renko, Albany, NY; Val Robert, Schenectady, NY; James A. Van Duyne, Troy, NY.

This year cash awards and gift certificates will be presented to artists at the opening reception on July 9 from 5 – 8 pm. Juror's Award sponsors include: Albany Center Gallery, Alvarez Dental, Arts and Culture Committee of the UAlbany Alumni Association, Austin & Co., Inc., Bates.Miyamoto Design, Carrie Haddad Gallery, Richard H. Corcione '72, Marijo Dougherty & Norman Bauman, EYP Architecture & Engineering, New World Bistro Bar, Picotte Companies,

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Photo: Mark Woods

**Colin Chase**  
*Story board: concrete poem study In 3 movements*, 2014  
 A, B & C baltic birch  
 81 x 16 x 16 inches each

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**Angela Dufresne**  
*Rosemary Magdaline, 2012*  
Oil on canvas  
72 x 96 inches



**Fern T. Apfel**  
*Skyline, 2014*  
Collage and acrylic on museum board  
13 x 14 inches

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**MUSEUM SUMMER HOURS: Tuesday - Saturday: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**Museum Hours (after August 25): Tuesday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday noon – 4 p.m.**

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***Bordering Utopia: Sculpture by Brian Tolle***  
***Oded Hirsch: Three Videos***  
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**Artist’s Reception and Homecoming Welcome Winetasting Event: Friday, October 9, 5 – 7 p. m.**