

Press Releases

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**Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition Opens at University Art Museum
On view May 4 through 20, 2012**

Opening Reception: Friday, May 11, 5 – 7 PM

Museum Hours: Tuesday: 10 AM – 8 PM; Wednesday – Friday: 10 AM – 5 PM; Saturday: 12 – 4 PM
Closed May 9 – 10 for M.F.A. oral examinations.

Expanded Commencement Hours: Saturday, May 19, 11 AM – 4 PM (Closed 1 – 3 PM for private reception);

Sunday, May 20, 11 AM – 4 PM

Free and open to the public.

ALBANY, NY--- The University Art Museum is pleased to announce the opening of its most recent exhibition featuring the work of the University at Albany Spring 2012 Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) candidates: **Jaimee Atkinson, Rodrigo Chevitarese Batista, Amanda Kates, Jenny Kemp, Janae McHugh, Alex Oslance, Marilee Sousie, and Carolyn Zuaro.**

The artists featured in this exhibition have just completed the University at Albany Art Department's three-year, 60 credit-hour program of intensive training and study in fine art practices. At the end of their M.F.A. studies, candidates are required to exhibit a cohesive body of their work. This work forms the core of the M.F.A. candidates' visual thesis and demonstrates the vigor and expertise with which these emerging artists explore their respective choice of mediums.

The University Art Museum provides M.F.A. candidates with the opportunity to exhibit their work in a professional museum setting. At the same time the museum offers area viewers a unique opportunity to see how today's emerging artists are addressing contemporary issues in the visual arts. *The Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition* is an important milestone for these artists and marks their debut into the larger art world.

The exhibition is supported by the Office of the President, Office of the Provost, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Ann C. Mataraso Endowment Fund.

For further information on exhibitions and programs, call (518) 442-4035 or visit our website at www.albany.edu/museum.

Parking is free in visitor lot #1A on Saturdays and for the artists' reception.

