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Contact: Cathryn Mallory, director, Gallery of Visual Arts, 243-2813. ART GALLERY PRESENTS STUDENT THESIS EXHIBITIONS MISSOULA--

The paintings, prints and mixed media of three Master of Fine Arts degree candidates will be on display at The University of Montana this month.

"MFA Thesis Exhibitions" features work by UM art graduate students Ben Bloch, Kelly Hart and Kaya Wielopolski May 3-17 in the Gallery of Visual Arts. The gallery, located in the Social Science Building, is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

An opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 3. The public is invited and there is no admission charge.

The abstract paintings in Bloch's show -- titled "genus:" -- present visual narratives of transformation that celebrate the joys of growth, existence and inevitable demise.

In "Implied Science," Hart's mixed-media works are presented in a makeshift museum setting. The distressed plaster pieces comprise scientific imagery, found natural objects and toys, collectively making statements about learning and the perception of science.

Wielopolski's "Denudation of the Landscape" features large, abstract relief prints that explore the transitory aspects of the processes within the natural landscape.

For more information, call gallery director Cathryn Mallory at 243-2813.

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