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JURIED STUDENT ART EXHIBITION OPENS NOV. 5 AT UM GALLERY

MISSOULA –

The 15th Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition will be at The University of Montana's Gallery of Visual Arts Nov. 5-20.

The exhibition, presented by the Gallery of Visual Arts, UM's School of Art and the Student Artist Collective, features a diverse array of media and style by undergraduate and graduate art students of all levels.

An opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, at the gallery, which is located on the first floor of UM's Social Science Building. Awards will be presented at 6 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public.

Each year, the Student Artist Collective, an Associated Students of UM organization, works with the gallery to organize the exhibit. For many students, the annual exhibition is the first opportunity to exhibit work in a professional gallery.

An arts professional not associated with the University serves as the juror to select works to be exhibited and designate awards. This year's juror is Bob Durden, curator of art at Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art in **Great Falls**.

Durden has a broad knowledge of visual, performing and communication arts. He has taught at the university level and has more than 13 years professional museum experience.

Gallery of Visual Arts hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday.

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