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ART ANNEX CHRISTMAS JURIED SHOW, SALE AT UM DEC. 10-12

MISSOULA –

The 23rd Annual Art Annex Christmas Juried Show and Sale will take place Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 10-12, at The University of Montana.

The Art Annex is located on campus adjacent to the Grizzly Pool next to the Adams Center, and the event is free and open to the public. Hours are from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12.

The show will include representatives of the top UM student work in the 3-D area, ceramics and sculpture. Featured this year in the sale will be the artwork of ceramist Julia Galloway, the new director of UM's School of Art, and her students' work from this fall's wheel-throwing class.

Galloway is internationally renowned for her exquisite porcelain vessels. In her one-woman exhibition last spring at The Clay Studio in Philadelphia, the studio recognized Galloway as "one of the premier makers of utilitarian ware of our time."

The show will be co-juried by artist and educator Lela Autio and ceramic sculptor Joe Batt, a UM alumnus who currently heads the ceramics program at South Puget Sound Community College in Olympia, Wash.

Proceeds from the sale go to the University of Montana Emerging Ceramic Artists (UMECA) and the Student Sculpture Association (SSA) – two organizations formed from what

used to be known as the Starving Sculpture and Ceramics Society (SSCS). Funds will be used for projects such as scholarships, visiting artists, student travel to conferences and wood for the Anagama kiln firing.

For more information, call art Professor Beth Lo at 406-243-6476 or the School of Art at 406-243-4181.

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NOTE TO THE MEDIA: Photos of work at the event are available by calling Professor Beth Lo at 406-243-6476.

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