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EXHIBIT: *MSU Department of Art & Art History Master of Fine Arts Exhibition*

DATES: March 19–April 3, 2011

OPENING RECEPTION: Friday, March 18, 7–9 p.m.
Free and open to the public

LOCATION: Kresge Art Museum, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

GALLERY TALKS: Tuesday, March 29, 11:30 a.m. with Foster, Gerber, Martens and Zhang
Wednesday, March 30, 11:30 a.m. with Brown, Howell, Prillwitz and Sullivan

MSU's Kresge Art Museum to Feature Eight Master of Fine Arts Degree Candidates Kresge Art Museum, Michigan State University

EAST LANSING, MI —Kresge Art Museum will display works of art by eight Master of Fine Arts degree candidates at the annual Michigan State University *Department of Art & Art History Master of Fine Arts Exhibition* from **March 19 to April 3, 2011**. The featured artists are: **Amy Jo Brown, Deon Foster, Clarissa R. Gerber, Jesse Howell, Ann Marie Martens, Bryan Prillwitz, Jacquelynn Sullivan and Lei Zhang**. The exhibition is an opportunity for the students to be recognized for their work and to share their accomplishments with the public.

The **opening reception will take place on Friday, March 18, from 7 to 9 p.m.** The MFA candidates will introduce and discuss their work in **gallery talks on Tuesday, March 29 and Wednesday, March 30, at 11:30 a.m.** **Foster, Gerber, Martens and Zhang present Tuesday, and Brown, Howell, Prillwitz and Sullivan will present on Wednesday.** The exhibition and reception are sponsored by The Graduate School, Michigan State University, and are eagerly anticipated by students, faculty, families and the greater Lansing community.

This year artists will exhibit installations in painting, sculpture, printmaking, graphic design and ceramics, and mark the culmination of a three-year MFA degree program that emphasizes extensive creative exploration under the supervision of a faculty guidance committee. Focused study in an area of concentration, as well as coursework in art history and related fields, helps each artist situate their work within the larger discourse of the present practice of art. As part of the MFA curriculum, the candidates work closely with curators and staff at Kresge Art Museum to plan, promote, and mount the show.

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“This exhibition is an excellent example of student creative endeavors being shared with external audiences in a public environment,” said Tom Berding, chair of the Department of Art & Art History. This particular exhibition also continues the history of successful collaborations between the Department of Art & Art History and the Kresge Art Museum, setting the stage for exciting future possibilities.

“This is an exciting time in a student’s life when they summon the courage to present their work to the world. We congratulate them all and are very happy to present their creative efforts in the Kresge Art Museum,” says Michael Rush, director of the Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum.

For additional information, questions, or to arrange an interview with the exhibiting artists, please contact Christine Nichols, KAM Communications & Events Coordinator, at (517) 884-0659, or via email at nicho357@msu.edu.

Admission is free to Kresge Art Museum. Kresge Art Museum is located on the first floor of the Kresge Art Center at the intersection of Physics and Auditorium Roads, on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, 10 to 5 p.m., Thursday until 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. For additional information, call (517) 355-7631 or visit www.artmuseum.msu.edu.

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