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EXHIBITION: *MSU Department of Art & Art History Master of Fine Arts Exhibition 2004*
DATES: March 27 through April 9, 2004
OPENING: Friday, March 26, 2004, 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Kresge Art Museum, located on the campus of Michigan State University

MSU Master of Fine Arts Exhibition to Open at Kresge Art Museum

E. LANSING, MICH. --- Kresge Art Museum and the Michigan State University Department of Art & Art History present the annual *Master of Fine Arts Exhibition*, March 27 through April 9, 2004. The opening reception will take place March 26 from 7-9 p.m. The artists will be present to discuss their work. Both the exhibition and the reception, sponsored by the MSU Graduate School, are free and open to the public.

This year's exhibition, a culmination of years of study by the six participants in both the studio and the classroom, features a variety of work including mixed media, paintings, prints, sculpture and video. The artists, Juan Martinez De Medina, Dusty Miller, Sarah Slobodzian, Paula Stuart-Hankins, Kelly Tegen and Greg Wade, are all M.F.A. candidates who will graduate in May.

Juan Martinez De Medina, originally from Madrid, Spain, says of his video montage titled *The Departure*, "although one can travel far distances on land, the real journey takes place inside ourselves." Dusty Miller presents a contemporary mixed media installation of plastic army men on a foundation of carpet, titled *Every Man for Himself*. Fusing typography, collage and print media, Paula Stuart-Hankins explores the relationships between letterforms and imagery. Through her oil paintings Sarah Slobodzian, a native of Logan, Utah, strives to communicate a range of emotions with viewers. Influenced by the industrial environment of Detroit, Greg Wade, a resident of Williamston, Mich., created his sculpture, *White Manly Machine*, as an alternative method "to express social commentary." *Untitled*, a collographic print created by Kelly Tegen, originally from Kansas City, Mo., provides social commentary on her experiences as a woman.

As part of the M.F.A. curriculum, candidates participate in the organization of the exhibition. Working closely with the curators and staff at Kresge Art Museum, the students plan, promote and mount the show. A preview of the *Master of Fine Arts Exhibition* is available online at www.artmuseum.msu.edu

Kresge Art Museum is located on the first floor of the Kresge Art Center, on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich. Admission is free. The museum is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday until 8 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. For additional information about Kresge Art Museum, exhibitions or events, please call 517-355-7631 or visit www.artmuseum.msu.edu.

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