Visiting Artist Haeri Yoo to create site-specific installation at Kresge Art Museum
Kresge Art Museum, MSU

EAST LANSING, MI — Kresge Art Museum at Michigan State University is pleased to host Korean-born artist Haeri Yoo Sunday, August 16 through Sunday, August 23, 2009. During the week, Yoo will execute a large scale, mixed-media installation on two gallery walls in the museum.

The museum is currently closed to the public but will reopen on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 with two shows celebrating Korea. Haeri Yoo: Paper Deep, an intensely contemporary installation, will run simultaneously with Gods, Demons, and General: Icons of Korean Shamanism, an historical look at Korean culture.

“Like a child views the world, my work segregates and playfully mutates the realities present. Beauty and violence, light and dark are left in an inconclusive disharmonious impasse”, says Yoo. She explores “humor, sexuality, and the overt and subtle relationships that haunt the space between beauty and violence”. The formal sensibility of her native Korea translates into sensitivity to negative space and mark-making, producing works that are “built up, painted, drawn, pasted and re-shaped from a large repository of smaller explorations”.

Haeri Yoo will return to Michigan State University on September 28, 2009, in conjunction with the Department of Art & Art History Visiting Artist series, for class visits and lectures.

Media are invited to view Yoo’s artistic process and conduct interviews from August 16 through August 23. Please contact Christine Nichols at nicho357@msu.edu or 517-353-9834.

Kresge Art Museum is located in East Lansing, MI, on the first floor of the Kresge Art Center, at the intersection of Physics and Auditorium Roads between the Alumni Chapel and the MSU Auditorium, on the campus of Michigan State University. The museum is closed in August, and reopens to the public on September 2, 2009. September through May, 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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