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Annual outdoor art installation event is Oct. 3-4 at UW-River Falls

September 20, 2018 - The University of Wisconsin-River Falls Art Department's 27th Annual Outdoor Art Installation event is October 3-4. The event showcases student works of art designed to be site specific on the UWRF campus grounds.

This year's guest artist for the event is Minnesota sculptor and educator Aaron Dysart. His work challenges viewers on current issues such as environmental interventions, propriety, gift giving, and reciprocity. An accomplished artist, Dysart has worked with local and national organizations such as the National Park Service, Army Corp of Engineers, Northernlight.mn and the Mississippi Park Connection. He is currently a city artist through Public Art Saint Paul and an adjunct instructor at Anoka Ramsey Community College.

Dysart has chosen the word "Bounds" as his theme for the event. In particular, Dysart wants to inspire students to create site specific works that ask "How is space bounded and are these bounds impermeable, semi-permeable, or permeable? How might our assumptions of borders and boundaries be challenged to create a new understanding of the world around us?"

Dysart will give a presentation of his work on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 10 a.m. in the Kinnickinnic Theater, University Center. From 1-3:30 p.m., Dysart will give his thoughts on the installations during a walk-about on the campus grounds with students and guests. The public is welcome to join in both of these events.

Site maps identifying the individual installations can be picked up in the lobby of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building near Gallery 101 beginning at 9 a.m. Oct. 3. All artwork will be taken down on Oct. 5.

The installations, walk-about and presentation are free and open to the public. Everyone is asked to please respect the artistic ideas by not altering or damaging the artwork.

For more information, call the UWRF Art Department at 715-425-3266. ###

Photo: Minnesota sculptor and educator Aaron Dysart is the guest artist at the 27th Annual Outdoor Art Installation event October 3-4 at UW-River Falls.