

BFA senior thesis exhibition/presentation at UW-River Falls

October 14, 2021 – The University of Wisconsin-River Falls 2021 BFA graduating class will present their senior thesis work Oct. 25-Nov. 19 in Gallery 101 in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. On display will be ceramic works, paintings, drawings, illustration, graphic design, and an art history theses digital presentation.

Works and artists include:

Daniel Benedum, of West Bend, has an emphasis in painting and drawing. His work reflects his interactions to spaces in his environment and community and the emotional connections that are created in them.

Camille Budrow, of Roberts, has an emphasis in graphic design, paired with a degree in marketing communications. Her work combines graphics, photo editing, and social media content creation. It highlights the intersection of music production, design, and branding, through the release of a small original album “With the Sun.”

Soren DiStefano, who grew up in and around the Midwest before ending up in Stillwater, Minn., has an emphasis in ceramics. His work is motivated by a love and appreciation of both the media and the community, and he draws much of his inspiration from nature and the outdoors.

Cassandra Helmer, of Roberts, has an emphasis in printmaking. Her work is an exploration of the fantasy genre with inspiration drawn from the Ukiyo-e era of Japanese printmaking.

Callista Hobbs, of Oakdale, Minn., has an emphasis in ceramics and photography. Her work centers around comfort and nostalgia by celebrating simplicity in her ceramic work and drawing inspiration from time spent at her family cabin in her photographic work.

Dani Meyer, of Amery, has an emphasis in graphic design. Her exhibit represents Bonsai as a form of stress relief and art. She also uses her graphic arts skill to create a packaging design.

Raine Nyberg, of Lindstrom, Minn., has an emphasis in painting and printmaking. Her work straddles the line between realism and surrealism and explores different ways beauty can be depicted and defined.

Daniel Onufer, who grew up in Washingtonville, N.Y., before moving to Stillwater, Minn., has an emphasis in art history. He will give a presentation on animation and the appreciation it has gained in the last 50 years, as well as the many stigmas and limitations that held it back from being utilized by influential art movements similar to that of film.

Dallie Sim, of St. Paul, has an emphasis in graphic design and drawing. Her work creates narrative illustrations directly from her dreams to share different stories. The main part of her show will focus on the recreation of a children's book from her middle school years, which is meant to inspire young girls to be who they want to be when they grow up.

An art history presentation will be held Friday, Nov. 5, at 4:15 p.m. in Room 141, Kleinpell Fine Arts, followed by a gallery reception in Gallery 101 from 5–8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Masks required.

Contact the UWRF Art Department at 715-425-3266 for more information.

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