

'97 alumnus presents art at Hood College

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ALFRED, NY, September 2005 -- Sculptor and former Fulbright scholar, Aaron Quinn Brophy, will exhibit his life-sized figurative sculptures in a one-man-show at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, Friday, Sept. 2 through Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005. There will be an opening reception for the artist on Wednesday, Sept. 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. Brophy's mixed-media figures feature a combination of bronze, clay, wood, plastic, fiberglass, and cement. Through the visual transformation of materials, Brophy's artwork alludes to sculptural and bodily decay. Haunting and seductive, the sculptures are full of contradictions. Brophy's figures stand, sit, kneel, and recline, physically pathetic while maintaining a humble pride. His figurative sculptures rest between reality and myth, between heroism and cowardice, between wholeness and disintegration. This exhibition will also feature some of Brophy's recent translucent torsos that reflect light and cast flesh-like shadows. These plastic forms are sculpted by the heat of a propane torch. By process and presentation the torsos embody the ephemeral quality of one's presence. In the artist's own words, "It is the light that is important." Brophy arrived in Washington, D.C. six years ago after a 10-month sojourn as a Fulbright Scholar on the island of Cyprus. Following a year-long fellowship at the Henry Luce III Center for Art and Religion, Brophy joined the art faculty at the Landon School in Bethesda, MD, where he currently oversees the ceramic art program. For the past two years, Brophy has also been an adjunct professor of ceramic art at Montgomery College, Rockville, MD. Brophy's work was recently featured in a solo exhibition at Baltimore's World Trade Center in conjunction with the annual conference for the National Council for Education of Ceramic Art. Brophy has been awarded numerous grants and fellowships, including a Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Prize in 2003. More of the artist's work can be viewed online at www.aaronquinnbrophy.com.