

## **2005 alumnus named Bush Foundation Artist Fellow**

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An Alfred University graduate from the class of 2005 has been selected as a 2008 Bush Foundation Artist Fellow. Nathaniel Freeman was one of 15 artists introduced earlier this summer at Open Book, Minneapolis, MN. Each of the 15 fellows chosen from a competitive field of 485 applicants, will receive a total of \$50,000 in unrestricted funds and professional development support. Freeman received his BFA from the University of Montana and his MFA from the School of Art and Design at Alfred University. He has shown work both nationally and internationally, including solo exhibitions with Lemmons Contemporary in New York and Linda Durham Contemporary Art in Sante Fe, NM. He currently teaches at the College of Visual Arts in St. Paul and lives with his wife, writer Emily Freeman, and their two dogs in northeast Minneapolis, MI. The Bush Artist Fellowships provide strong and promising artists with resources that enable them to deepen and advance their work and foster their careers as artists. It is one of the largest artist grants in the Upper Midwest and one of only three open-application artist fellowships of this size in the United States. This year's fellowships focused on visual arts, media arts, and traditional functional craft arts. Each of the 15 fellows chosen from a competitive field of 485 applicants will receive a total of \$50,000 in unrestricted funds and professional development support. The Bush Foundation was established in 1953 by 3M executive Archibald Granville Bush and his wife Edyth. In 2007 the Foundation made grants of approximately \$40 million to support programs and efforts to sustain communities in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. With a mission to improve the quality of life in this region, the Foundation aims to be a catalyst to shape vibrant communities by investing in courageous and effective leadership that significantly strengthens and improves the well-being of the region's people.