

Fosdick-Nelson Gallery exhibit features display of 'Sound Suits'

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"Alter-Skins," an exhibition featuring intricately bejeweled costumes by Nick Cave, opens at the Fosdick-Nelson Gallery at Alfred University on Friday, Sept. 12 and runs through Sunday, Oct. 30, 2008. There will be an artist talk on Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 5 p.m. in Holmes Auditorium followed by a reception from 7-9 p.m. This exhibition is sponsored by the School of Art and Design and the Division of Performing Arts. It is free and open to the public. The costumes by Cave are constructed of intricately bejeweled costumes from a range of materials including sequins, beads, twigs and bottle caps. This collection, known as his "Sound Suits," will be on display in the gallery throughout the exhibit. Cave received his B.F.A. in '82 from Kansas City Art Institute in Kansas City, MO. He continued his graduate studies at North Texas State University in Denton, TX, from 1984-86. He then received his M.F.A. in 1989 from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Cave has a long list of selected solo exhibitions on his resume. In 2007 he exhibited at the 32nd Annual Gail Silver Memorial Lecture at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum in Providence, RI. He was also featured in the Museum of Contemporary Art in Jacksonville, FL. The Fosdick-Nelson Gallery, housed in the AU School of Art and Design is a learning center for the visual arts. Rotating exhibitions highlight work by established and emerging artists working in New York, the United States and abroad. The gallery is the only established contemporary art venue within a 60 mile radius for the community to experience a diverse mix of art firsthand and participate in a form of contemporary art and culture. Extended programming, including gallery lectures and special projects, gives students and members of the community an opportunity to engage with artists, curators, and scholars. Fosdick-Nelson is located in Harder Hall on the AU campus. Open hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, and 1 to 3 p.m. on weekends and is closed on University holidays. For more information contact Sharon McConnell, director of the Fosdick-Nelson Gallery at 607.871.2149, or at mconnells@alfred.edu.