

## **Fosdick-Nelson to host reception, exhibition for German artist**

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Alfred University's Fosdick-Nelson Gallery, Harder Hall, will host a public opening reception for "Reading Through Beuys," a collection of various media by or about the late German artist Joseph Beuys, from 7-9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 7.

The exhibition, which will run through Friday, Oct. 12, features a collection of books, posters, videos, postcards, interviews, and mass-media images by or about Beuys.

Also included are contemporary works produced in response to Beuys works by Shannah Burton, Eberhard Kranemann, Emil Schult, David Sylvian, Caroline Tisdall, Stephen Vitiello, and John Zorn.

The exhibit is curated by Andrew Deutsch, AU professor of sonic and video in the Expanded Media Department. Deutsch earned a master of fine arts degree in integrated electronic art from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, and a bachelor of fine arts degree in video art and printmaking from Alfred University.

Beuys was active in Europe and the United States from the 1950s through the early 1980s. He came to be loosely associated with that era's international, proto-Conceptual art movement, Fluxus. Beuys's diverse body of work ranges from traditional media of drawing, painting, and sculpture, to process-oriented, or time-based "action" art. Beuys is especially famous for works incorporating animal fat and felt, two common materials one organic, the other fabricated or industrial that had profound personal meaning to the artist.

The Fosdick-Nelson Gallery housed in the School of Art & Design, is a vibrant learning center for the visual arts. Rotating exhibitions highlight work by established and emerging artists working in New York, the United States, and abroad. Located in rural western New York, 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 an exciting forum 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.

The Fosdick-Nelson Gallery is open Monday-Friday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1-3 p.m.; closed during University holidays. For more information call: 607.871.2149 or go to: <http://fosdicknelson.alfred.edu/>