

Profile 2010: selected work by art graduates featured in NYC gallery

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Porcelain dress form by Kate
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New Yorkers are accustomed to "pop-up shops," stores open on a short-term basis while entrepreneurs test a concept. But how about a "pop-up" gallery? That's what Alfred University's School of Art & Design is creating in vacant space on the first floor of the Gem Hotel, 300 W. 22nd St. Profile 2010: The School of Art & Design at Alfred will be open to the public June 9-16. Gallery hours are 11 am.-6 p.m. daily except Sunday, June 13. While Alfred University's art school is internationally known, particularly for its ceramic and glass art programs, many NY metro area residents are not familiar with it. "We wanted to give a broader audience an opportunity to see the incredible work the students at Alfred do," said Dr. Mary Drach McInnes, interim dean of the School of Art & Design at Alfred University. "We were intrigued by the possibility of creating a temporary gallery space that would allow the School of Art & Design at Alfred to bring the work our students do to a wider audience," said McInnes. Co-curators for the show are McInnes and Kevin Jacobs, a career specialist in Alfred University's Career Development Center. Jacobs, who is also director of the Cohen Gallery on the Alfred campus, is in charge of setting up the temporary gallery space. His specialty area in the Career Development Center is working with AU's art students. The work included in Profile 2010 represents the full range of what the School of Art & Design has to offer, including: drawing, painting, print-making, photography, digital art, video, ceramics, glass and sculpture. The School offers Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees, as well as Master of Fine Arts degrees in ceramic art, electronic integrated art, and sculpture/dimensional studies, including glass. The MFA program in ceramic art is consistently ranked tops in the country by US News and World Report, which also ranks the glass art program second, and the MFA program 10th overall. MFA graduates whose work is included in the exhibition are: Giselle Hicks and Brian Tyler, ceramics; Jason Bernagozzi and Moyi Zhang, electronic integrated arts; and Sarah Hoitsma and Joanna Manousis, sculpture. BFA graduates are: : Laura Bettina, Allison Craver, Alexander Contino, Katherine Coughlin, Maxwell Davis, Amanda Fazzino, Olivia Getkowski, Arthur Guilford, Elizabeth Helfer, Anne Mills, Sarah Nikitopoulos, James Pastore, Amelia Patsy, Sondra Perry, Steven Randall, Sarah Roberts, Jonathan Sudler, Kaye Waltman, Alex Williams, and Thomas Wulf. An opening reception will be 6-9 p.m. June 9 in the gallery space 300 W. 22nd St., New York, NY. Alfred University staff and students will be available to answer questions during regular gallery hours. Profile 2010: The School of Art & Design at Alfred is made possible by a gift from Marty and Michele Cohen, whose son Adam is a 2003 alumnus of the School of Art & Design at Alfred University. Michele Cohen is a member of the Alfred University Board of Trustees and of the Museum of Arts and Design in New York. The School of Art & Design is part of the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, which administers the College on behalf of the state.