

July 16, 2009

UAS Program Committee
University Administration Building Rm 232
1400 Washington Avenue
Albany, New York 12222

Dear Members of the Program Committee:

On behalf of the University Art Museum, I want to express our appreciation for UAS support over the 2008-2009 academic year.

Generous program and supplemental funds supported a number publications and opening receptions and they have made possible lectures by exhibiting artists Steve DiBenedetto and Keith Edmier; artist/critic and Mohawk-Hudson Regional juror Matthew Higgs, as well as our own UAlbany Professor Emerita Roberta Bernstein.

As you know museum audiences are broadly diverse and include students, faculty, staff and the general public from the Capital Region. Audience members frequently tell me how important these programs are to them. In the face of limited state allocations and a challenging fundraising climate overall, UAS support has meant even more to us over the past year. It has allowed us to maintain our program frequency and quality. I can tell you quite frankly that it was only the UAS supplemental grant in support of the Mohawk-Hudson Regional that made it possible to have refreshments at the opening reception to honor the 35 participating artists and 25 exhibition and award sponsors.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support of the museum's activities. You have been a great partner and contributor to our success. The exhibition *2009 Artists of the Mohawk-Hudson Region* will be on view through August 8 (summer hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11am-4pm). I hope you will have a chance to stop by and give me the pleasure of thanking you in person for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Janet Riker
Director



Naomi Lewis
Exhibition and Outreach Coordinator

c: J. Eric Smith, UAS Executive Director

