

**University Art Museum**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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April 9, 2015

### **Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition Opens at University Art Museum On view May 1 through 17, 2015**

Opening Reception: Friday, May 8, 5 – 7 PM

**Museum Hours:** Tuesday, 10 AM – 8 PM; Wednesday - Friday, 10 AM – 5 PM;  
Saturday, noon - 4 PM. Closed May 7 and on May 8 until noon for MFA oral examinations.

**Expanded Commencement Hours:** Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17, 11 AM – 4 PM

Free and open to the public.

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Jaymee Harvey  
*Not Yo Mama's China* (detail), 2015  
Terrecotta, dollhouse furniture, mix media  
7 x3 x 2 feet

ALBANY, NY--- The University Art Museum is pleased to announce the opening of its most recent exhibition featuring the work of the University at Albany Spring 2015 Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) candidates: **Anthony J. Camarota, Jaymee Harvey, Eric Lainson, Madison LaVallee, Thomas Makovitch, and Jason Kates van Staveren.**

The artists featured in this exhibition have just completed the University at Albany Department of Art and Art History's three-year, 60 credit-hour program of intensive training and study in fine art practices. At the end of their M.F.A. studies, candidates are required to exhibit a cohesive body of their work. This work forms the core of the M.F.A. candidates' visual thesis and demonstrates the vigor and expertise with which these

emerging artists explore their respective choice of mediums.

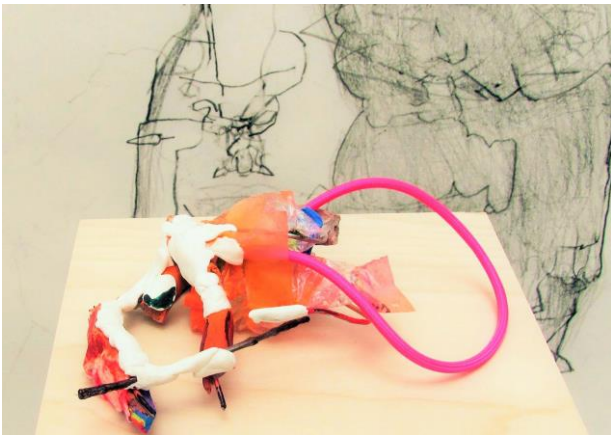
The University Art Museum provides M.F.A. candidates with the opportunity to exhibit their work in a professional museum setting. At the same time the museum offers area viewers a unique

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opportunity to see how today's emerging artists are addressing contemporary issues in the visual arts. *The Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition* is an important milestone for these artists and marks their debut into the larger art world. Also featured is work by Master of Arts candidate **Nancy Powhida**. The M.A. degree is a 30 credit-hour graduate program in studio art.

*The exhibition is supported by the Office of the President, Office of the Provost, The University at Albany Foundation, the College of Arts and Sciences, University Auxiliary Services, and the Ann C. Mataraso Endowment Fund in honor of Professor Emeritus Mark Greenwold.*



Eric Lainson  
*Owl*, 2015 (installation view)  
Modeling compound, steel, bungee cord, wood, acrylic, ink, adhesive tape, cellophane, and tissue paper  
1 3/4 x 3 x 6 1/4 inches



Madison LaVallee  
*LR/KIT/LAV/OLS* (detail 6), 2015  
Wood, paint, yarn, memory foam, bricks, plaster, fabric, glass, a living plant  
6 x 6 x 2 feet

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**Upcoming Exhibition:**

*2015 Artists of the Mohawk Hudson Region Juried Exhibition*

July 9 – September 5, 2015

Opening Reception: Thursday, July 9, 5 – 8 pm

Juror: Rachel Uffner, Director of Rachel Uffner Gallery, New York