

ART GALLERY NEWS RELEASE

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Tufts University Art Gallery

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MFA THESIS EXHIBITION: December 4-21, 2008

Public Opening Reception: Thursday, December 4, 5:30-8:30pm

Gallery Talk with the Artists: Thursdays, December 4, 5pm and December 11, 6pm

MEDFORD, MA – An **MFA Thesis Exhibition** of two installation artists in the joint graduate degree program of Tufts University and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston opens **December 4** at the **Tufts University Art Gallery**. This exhibition of contemporary art is the first in an annual, ongoing series of MFA Thesis Exhibitions presented by Tufts.

EUGENE SCOTT FINNEY

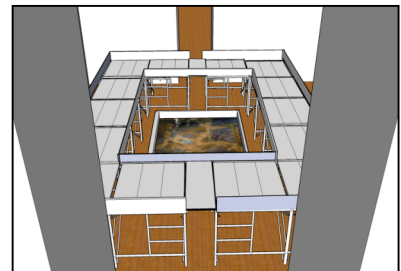
“For my Master of Fine Arts thesis exhibition, I will present sculptural works constructed from excavated and antique building materials. The focus of the exhibition will be the two sculptures, *Boat* (pictured here) and *Dwelling*, both constructed to human scale and intended for actual use after the duration of the exhibition.”



Eugene Scott Finney

DANIEL PHILLIPS

“The first room of the exhibit displays videos—both on monitors and projected—showing the transformation of my studio over the past year, and other collaborative projects involving the use of scavenged materials to create objects and transform spaces. Thousands of animated photographs show the process of creating, destroying, and restoring as essential to the value of my art. Salvaged paint, wood, paper, metal, and various other construction materials are appropriated both for their function and aesthetic value, informing a desperate and playful search for meaningful imagery.”



Daniel Phillips

“The second room in the gallery is a working studio, around which an elevated platform affords viewers a privileged look down into the workspace. This studio within the gallery is an ongoing process-based installation for the course of the exhibition, serving as an environment for individuals to collaborate, experiment, and transform the gallery space beyond its normal confines.”

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The **Tufts University Art Gallery** animates the intellectual life of the greater university community through exhibitions and programs exploring new, global perspectives on art and on art discourse. The Gallery is located **in the Aidekman Arts Center** on the Tufts University **Medford** campus. The Gallery is fully accessible and admission is free. Hours are 11am to 5 pm Tuesday through Sunday and Thursdays until 8 pm. **Free daytime visitor parking** is available in the two parking lots off Lower Campus Road. Parking passes must be obtained at the front desk of the gallery and displayed on your dashboard. Free event parking is available without a pass in the lot behind the Aidekman Arts Center, off Lower Campus Road. Visit our website: www.ase.tufts.edu/gallery or call 617-627-3518 for more information.