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**Tufts University Art Gallery**

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## **Brian Knep: *Exempla***

September 10–November 15, 2009

Public Opening Reception: September 17, 2009, 5:30-8pm

Medford, MA – The Tufts University Art Gallery presents recognized Boston new media artist Brian Knep's site-specific installation *Exempla*. Knep has created six related, interactive projections. In each work, hundreds of creatures are tasked with achieving a goal that proves futile yet revealing of complex social interactions. Knep's work bridges art and science through his hypothetical microcosms of "emergent behavior" to create a kind of digital arena in which viewers activate a light source and their shadows play a decisive role in a philosophical game of illumination and illusion.

Knep has designed the exhibition as a kind of maze, wherein the six installations, created between 2005 and 2009 -- whose titles are all tasks beginning with the letter "E" (Escape, Expand, Emerge, Erect, Embark, and Excel) -- are projected onto the gallery's walls in niches hidden from one another, in a gesture echoing the interactive nature of each media work that is activated by the viewer in different ways.

**Artist's Statement:** The pieces are more about futility than emergence. The works use child-like drawings to examine the illusions that drive us, in a humorous way. The creatures, with their huge, exaggerated faces and skeletal legs, are caricatures of the endlessly cycling everyman. They cover all available surfaces, reacting to our intrusions into their small worlds.

### Events

September 10, 11am: Exhibitions open to the public

September 17, 5:30-8pm: Public Opening Reception for all fall exhibitions

**6pm: Artist's Talk with Brian Knep**

7pm: Tour of *Sacred Monsters* (concurrent exhibition) with a *Voice Your Vision!* guide

Friday, October 16 [Parents' Weekend], 11am: Exhibitions tour with a *Voice Your Vision!* guide

Saturday, October 17 [Parents' Weekend], 3pm: Exhibitions tour with a *Voice Your Vision!* guide

Sunday, November 15: Last day of Brian Knep: *Exempla*

(concurrent exhibit *Sacred Monsters* closes November 22)

The Tufts University Art Gallery is located in **the Aidekman Arts Center, 40 Talbot Avenue**, on Tufts University's Medford campus. The Gallery is fully accessible and admission is free. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 11:00 to 5:00 p.m., and Thursdays until 8 p.m. Free visitor parking is available in the two parking lots off Lower Campus Road. Call **617-627-3518** for more information or visit **artgallery.tufts.edu**.