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Tufts University Art Gallery Presents:  
*New and Recent Work by 13 Massachusetts Cultural Council Award Recipients In  
Painting and Drawing*

**June 2–July 31, 2011**  
Opening Reception: Thursday, June 2, 5:30-8:00pm

Tufts University Art Gallery will present the exhibition, *New and Recent Work by 13 Massachusetts Cultural Council Award Recipients In Painting and Drawing*, from June 2–July 31, 2011 at the Tufts University Art Gallery in Medford, MA. The exhibition will showcase thirteen of the most talented artists working in Massachusetts today, all of whom were recognized by the MCC's 2010 Artist Fellowship Program.

2010 Painting fellows:

**Christopher Faust** (*Boston*), **Masako Kamiya** (*Dorchester*), **Yanick Lapuh** (*Brookline*), **Joshua Meyer** (*Cambridge*), **Monica Nydam** (*Cambridge*), **Harold Reddicliffe** (*Waltham*), **Matthew Rich** (*Cambridge*), and **Michael Zelehoski** (*Lee*).

2010 Drawing fellows:

**Cree Bruins** (*Cambridge*), **Jan Johnson** (*Lowell*), **Cristi Rinklin** (*Dorchester*), **Daniel Ranalli** (*Cambridge*), and **Evelyn Rydz** (*Roslindale*).

"We are absolutely delighted to showcase this exceptional group of artists," said Amy Ingrid Schlegel, Ph.D., director of the Tufts University Art Gallery at The Shirley and Alex A. Aidekman Arts Center. "These artists are all innovating to push their chosen mediums and vision in new directions; these awards help foster that innovation."

The painters were selected from a pool of 488 applicants to MCC's Artist Fellowships Program last year. The FY10 drawing artists were selected from a pool of 266 applicants.

MCC Artist Fellowships provide direct assistance to Massachusetts artists working across a range of disciplines, to recognize exceptional work and to support the further development of their talents. Artist Fellowships give individuals the financial ability to hone and deepen their craft.

"The art being created in the Commonwealth is thriving," says Anita Walker, MCC's Executive Director. "From exquisitely executed drawings to boldly rendered gestural paintings, this exhibition showcases the range of exceptional artists we are fortunate to support."

Samples of the artists' work can be found on [Gallery@MCC](#), the MCC's online showcase of Artist Fellowship awardees and finalists.

*New and Recent Work by 13 Massachusetts Cultural Council Award Recipients in Painting and Drawing* is free and open to the public.

**Tufts University Art Gallery**

@ The Aidekman Arts Center

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Summer Gallery hours: Wed-Sun Noon-5pm (closed Mondays, Tuesdays, and July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend)

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### **About the Tufts University Art Gallery**

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 fully accessible and admission is free (\$3 suggested donation). Free event parking is available in the lot behind the Aidekman Arts Center, off Lower Campus Road. During regular visitor hours, there are free visitor parking spots in the Gallery parking lot.

### **About the Massachusetts Cultural Council ([www.massculturalcouncil.org](http://www.massculturalcouncil.org))**

The Massachusetts Cultural Council promotes excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences, in order to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and contribute to the economic vitality of our communities.

MCC is a state agency committed to building a central place for arts and culture in the everyday lives of communities across the Commonwealth. It pursues this mission through a combination of grants, services, and advocacy for cultural organizations, schools, communities, and artists. MCC receives an annual appropriation from the state Legislature and funds from the National Endowment for the Arts and other sources.

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