

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

## Tanja Softić - Migrant Universe

January 30 to April 27, 2014

MEDFORD, MA - The Tufts University Art Gallery at the Shirley and Alex Aidekman Arts Center is pleased to present **Tanja Softić - Migrant Universe**. The exhibition will open with a reception on January 30, 2014 and will be on view until April 27, 2014.

The **Migrant Universe** series acts as a visual poem about identity and the worldview of an immigrant. Tanja Softić's prints, drawings and paintings combine images of natural and man-made structures with drawings based on appropriated visual material: medical and botanical illustrations, maps and charts, manuscript illuminations and comic art. Her work addresses concepts of cultural hybridity, chaos and memory.



Tanja Softić, *Night in the Garden*, 2007. Acrylic, pigment, charcoal, and chalk on handmade paper mounted on board, 60 x 120 inches.

Softić says, "The visual vocabulary of the **Migrant Universe** drawings suggests a displaced existence: fragmented memories, adaptation, revival, and transformation. Because I do not live and work within the comfort or boundaries of the culture in which I first learned to observe, interpret and engage the world, I have the arguable privilege of having lived more than one life." Softić is a professor of art and chair of the Department of Art and Art History at the University of Richmond. Her work is included in numerous collections in the United States and abroad.

This exhibition is on view concurrently with the related exhibition, *Seeing Glacial Time: Climate Change in the Arctic*. **Tanja Softić: Migrant Universe** was organized by the Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art, College of Charleston School of the Arts, South Carolina.

### PUBLIC EVENTS AND PROGRAMS:

#### Opening Reception

Thursday, January 30, 5:00-7:30pm

Introduction to the exhibition with the artist at 6:30pm

#### Printmaking & Creative Writing Workshop

Thursday, February 20, 6-7:30pm

Remis Sculpture Court, Aidekman Arts Center

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#### Voice Your Vision! tours:

Our free, discussion-based tour program fosters directed looking and critical dialogue using VTS (Visual Thinking Strategies).

Please schedule your visit by contacting Dorothee Perin, Education Outreach Coordinator: [dorothee.perin@tufts.edu](mailto:dorothee.perin@tufts.edu), (617) 627-4387.

### GALLERY HOURS:

Tuesday-Sunday 11am-5pm

Thursdays 11am-8pm

Closed for Tufts Spring Break, March 15 to 23, 2014

The Tufts University Art Gallery is fully accessible and admission is free. Suggested donation: \$3.

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