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Three Student-Artists Featured at Reflection Gallery February 18 to March 16

HANCOCK, MI – The Finlandia University Reflection Gallery, Hancock, will host a group exhibit of work by junior-level studio arts and illustration students February 18 to March 16, 2009.

A reception for the artists will take place at the gallery Thursday, March 5, at 1:15 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

The group exhibition includes an installation by Laura Metcalf (Gwinn, Mich.), photographs by Stephanie Trevino (Hubbell, Mich.), and comic book illustrations by Sarah Anderson (Houghton, Mich.).

“Each exhibitor has used an assortment of techniques and styles to express their imaginative points of view,” says Reflection Gallery director sophomore Rachel Reidenga (Wetmore, Mich.). “All three artists demonstrate their own unique talent in each piece they have made.”

Laura Metcalf describes her installation called, “Home” as a mixed media exploration of how individuals are connected to certain places and people. She says it attempts to uncover the mysteries and secrets that families guard, sometimes even from each other.

Sarah Anderson sees her work as a way to make people laugh. She points out that comic pages are more than just characters on a page, and that the text is an important element of her artwork.

“Titles should do more than simply describe a piece; they should be as much a part of the piece as the composition and pallet,” Anderson says. “The story should be enhanced by the image.”

The series “Doll Dreams” by Stephanie Trevino, is a photo-comic about the lives and loves of a motley group of dolls, toys, and figurines.

The Reflection Gallery is on the second level of Finlandia’s Jutila Center campus, Hancock. For additional information, contact Yueh-mei Cheng, associate professor of studio arts, at 906-487-7375 or yueh-mei.cheng@finlandia.edu.

Photo cutlines:

“Remember When We Met,” photography by Stephanie Trevino.

“Home,” an art installation by Laura Metcalf