An MTSU Department of Art and Design Announcement:

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**Biennial 2022 MTSU Art and Design Faculty Exhibition**

The MTSU Department of Art and Design is pleased to announce an exhibition of selected works by its professors entitled *Biennial 2022: A Faculty Exhibition*. Scheduled in the Todd Art Gallery, Todd Hall, Room 224A, faculty work opens the department’s fall show calendar and is available to the public from August 22 to September 10, 2022.

Representing the department’s course areas of Art Education, Foundations, Graphic Design, Illustration, and Studio Art, which includes Ceramics, Painting, Print Media, and Sculpture, the Biennial showcases a unique fusion of art from the department’s many components. Those participating include Erin Anfinson, Michael Baggarly, Stefanie Cobb, Doug Dabbs, Kimberly Dummons, Kelsey Duncan, Houston Fryer, Jarrod Houghton, Sisavanh Houghton, Noël Lorson, Mark McLeod, Paige Medlock, Jimmy Mumford, Jean Nagy, Melissa Newman, Kathleen O’Connell, Tony Rodriguez, Nick Satinover, Gypsy Schindler, Sheri Selph, and Stephanie Simkin. The exhibit is multi-purposed in its presentation. On a basic level, it introduces the artwork of newer faculty to Art and Design students, MTSU’s campus, and the larger community. And concurrently, it showcases the continuing artistic pursuits of the department’s more senior professors. Thus, it offers attendees a full range of opportunities to witness a striking and expressive statement of contemporary visual art found at MTSU.

As a focused student endeavor, this exhibit intends to engage its viewers, whether they be university students or lifelong learners, in what Dr. Paige Medlock, Lecturer of Art Education, sees as visual art’s cultural significance, "[It] creates a space where viewers can pause, reflect, and shift the way they see themselves, their context, the artwork, the artist’s context, and potentially allow a new perspective to shed light on thinking and being in the world."

A reception for Biennial 2022 is scheduled for 2–2:45 p.m., Wednesday, August 31, Todd Art Gallery, MTSU Todd Hall. Art and Design’s new Chair, Jimmy Mumford, is set to speak, offering his observations on the exhibit, his personal artistic philosophy, background, and participating in Q&A.

Immediately following the conclusion of *Biennial 2022*, the artwork will be joined by a faculty selection of student art and placed on display in the Rotunda of Murfreesboro’s City Hall at 111 W Vine St, Murfreesboro, TN 37130. Titled *MTSU Art and Design Student & Faculty Exhibit*, the show is scheduled from Tuesday, September 13, through Thursday, November 3, 2022. Hours for the Rotunda are Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Also, at 1 p.m., Saturday, September 10, a community favorite, *Saturdays@Todd*, returns with *Open Model Sessions* available to those of high school age and older. While the session is free, a sign-up is required to register. Sign Up at: https://bit.ly/OpenModelSession. This is an excellent opportunity for those interested in drawing, painting, and sculpture to work with a clothed figure model.

*Biennial 2022: A Faculty Exhibition of Art and Design, Art in the Rotunda, and Saturdays@Todd* are free and open to the public, with provisions made for the availability of hand sanitizers and facemasks available for those with Covid-19 concerns. Todd Art Gallery hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

For parking, directions, or other questions, contact 615-898-5532 or eric.snyder@mtsu.edu.