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Student Art Show Returns to FJJMA for 99th Year

NORMAN, OKLA. — One year short of its centennial celebration, the 99th Annual School of Art & Art History Student Exhibition returns to the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art at the University of Oklahoma with a free, public opening reception Friday, Jan. 18. The reception begins at 7 p.m., followed by an awards ceremony at 8.

This competitive juried show, held each spring, highlights the diverse works of art created by OU School of Art and Art History students. Multiple awards with cash prizes are presented to students, including the top award, the T.G. Mays Purchase Award, which is offered to a student whose artwork becomes a part of the museum’s permanent collection.

“Each year we are excited to see the work being produced by OU’s art students,” said Ghislain d’Humières, director of the FJJMA. “Students offer us a unique perspective through the diversity of their original works. We look forward to welcoming the community to share in this celebration and appreciation of student artwork.”

This year’s guest judge is Tony Tiger, the director of the arts at Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla.

Works on display include paintings, photography, ceramics and multimedia works.

“For the past 98 years, the School of Art and Art History has held this annual exhibition of juried artwork by our students,” said Mary Jo Watson, director of the OU School of Art and Art History. “This 99th year is an exciting time to
showcase the talents of our creative students and to observe the fine instruction and guidance by our talented faculty. Attendance is usually at capacity and the exhibition is an opportunity for the university family and friends to support the visual arts. All are welcome to attend.”

The exhibition opens during regular museum hours Friday, Jan. 18, followed by the opening reception at 7 p.m. The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, Museum Association, School of Art and Art History, and Student Affairs will host the complimentary reception; the public is invited to attend. The exhibition remains on display through Feb. 10.

The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art is located in the OU Arts District on the corner of Elm Avenue and Boyd Street, at 555 Elm Ave., on the OU Norman campus. Admission to the museum is complimentary to all visitors, thanks to a generous gift from the OU Athletics Department. The museum is closed on Mondays. Information and accommodations on the basis of disability are available by calling (405) 325-4938 or visiting www.ou.edu/fjjma.

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**IMAGE CREDIT**

Student artwork, such as this work by Christopher Fleming, gets the spotlight at the 99th Annual School of Art & Art History Student Exhibition, which opens with a complimentary public reception at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art. Logo designed by OU student Hilary Tomlinson.