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ANNUAL MASTER OF FINE ARTS EXHIBITION RETURNS TO THE MSU BROAD ART MUSEUM THIS MARCH

The 2025 Master of Fine Arts Exhibition is the culmination of a three-year program in which artists explore their creative practice with the support of their faculty committee.

East Lansing, MI – The annual Master of Fine Arts exhibition returns to the Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum at Michigan State University (MSU Broad Art Museum) on March 8, 2025. The *2025 Master of Fine Arts Exhibition* is the culmination of the MSU Department of Art, Art History, and Design's three-year program in which artists explore their creative practice with the support of their faculty committee. This year the creative research of MFA degree candidates Claire E. Heiney, Morgan Reneé Hill, and Megan Weaver will be celebrated.

The MFA candidate at MSU is characterized by a desire to push beyond the boundaries of existing art and design paradigms, whether focused within or across disciplines. Each person is encouraged to explore the parameters of their creative journey considering material investigation and conceptual questions. Each artist's process of discovery is unique based on their own integrative media-focused or multidisciplinary inquiry. Under the guidance of a faculty committee selected by the candidate, they develop a rigorous studio practice that is informed by

their curiosity of the world around them. While developing their thesis exhibitions, the MFA candidates work with their committees to refine their artistic goals and develop a deeper understanding of what it means to be a contemporary practicing artist.

This year the annual Master of Fine Arts Prize will be awarded by guest juror Jessica Hong, Chief Curator of the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art in St. Louis, Missouri. Writer and critic Dan Cameron was invited to serve as the 2025 Critic-in-Residence and contribute essays to the exhibition catalog.

RELATED EVENTS:

2025 MFA Exhibition Opening Reception

Saturday, Mar. 29, 6–8pm

Celebrate the creative and scholarly research of MSU Department of Art, Art History, and Design Master of Fine Arts degree candidates Claire E. Heiney, Morgan Reneé Hill, and Megan Weaver.

ARTIST TALKS: 2025 Master of Fine Arts Exhibition

Wednesday, Apr. 16, 6–8pm

Join MSU Department of Art, Art History, and Design Master of Fine Arts degree candidates as they discuss their work included in the exhibition. Questions and answers with the artists to follow.

The MSU Broad Art Museum is open Wednesday–Saturday from 10am–6pm. Admission is always free. Learn more at broadmuseum.msu.edu.

The **2025 Master of Fine Arts Exhibition** (Mar. 8–May 18, 2025) is organized by the Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum at Michigan State University in partnership with the MSU Department of Art, Art History, and Design and co-curated by Dr. Rachel Winter, Assistant Curator, and Laine Lord, former Curatorial Research Assistant. Support for this exhibition is provided by the Graduate School at MSU and the John and Susan Berding Family Endowment.

The Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum at Michigan State University (MSU Broad Art Museum) connects people with art through experiences that inspire curiosity and inquiry. Presenting exhibitions and programs that engage diverse communities around issues of local relevance and global significance, the MSU Broad Art Museum advances the university values of quality, inclusion, and connectivity. Opened on November 10, 2012, the museum was designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Zaha Hadid and named in honor of Eli and Edythe Broad, longtime supporters of the university who provided the lead gift for its creation.

Michigan State University has been working to advance the common good in uncommon ways for more than 150 years. One of the top research universities in the world, MSU focuses its vast resources on creating solutions to some of the world's most pressing challenges, while providing life-changing opportunities to a diverse and inclusive academic community through more than 200 programs of study in 17 degree-granting colleges.

Image: *2024 Master of Fine Arts Exhibition* installation view at the Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum at Michigan State University, 2024. Photo: Vincent Morse/MSU Broad Art Museum

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MSU Broad Art Museum representatives are available for interview.

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