

NEWS Update

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MFA SELECTIONS

A salute to emerging artists from Bay Area Master's of Fine Arts Programs

March 6 – June 12, 2010

GATEHOUSE GALLERY HOURS: *Wednesday – Friday, 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM.*
Call 707-226-5991 x 25 for information about tours of di Rosa.

OPENING RECEPTION: Saturday, March 6, 2010, 6 – 8 PM
Members' Preview 5 – 6 PM

NAPA, CA – February 18, 2010 – **di Rosa** announces the artists in the ***MFA SELECTIONS*** exhibition. In the tradition established by founder, Rene di Rosa, for discovering and supporting new talent, the **MFA** exhibition showcases the work of artists who recently completed their Master's of Fine Art degrees at Bay Area art schools and colleges.

The artists included in the exhibition were chosen by a jury of arts professionals, from a pool of artists nominated by faculty from regional institutions including California College of the Arts, John F. Kennedy University, Mills College, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco State University, Stanford University, UC Berkeley and UC Davis. Artists include **Joanne Hashitani, Leigh Merrill, Sandra Ono, Gina Tuzzi** and **Andrew Witrak** from Mills College; **Carina Baumann** and **S. Patricia Patterson** from San Francisco Art Institute; **Jina Valentine** from Stanford University; **Aaron Maietta-Dehaven** from UC Berkeley; **Josh Short** from UC Davis. This year's jury included Packard Jennings, an accomplished Bay Area artist represented in the di Rosa collection; gallerist Kimberly Johansson of Johansson Projects in Oakland; and Griff Williams, Owner of Gallery 16, San Francisco.

Reflecting the diverse voices of young artists working today, ***MFA SELECTIONS*** will include works in a broad cross section of media, from painting and sculpture to video and installation. The works on exhibition are chosen with the artists, who may create and/or select works especially for the show at di Rosa's Gatehouse Gallery.

A panel discussion with some of the exhibiting artists will be held at di Rosa **April 29, 2010**. Details are at www.dirosaart.org

ABOUT THE DI ROSA

Located on 217 extraordinarily beautiful acres in the Carneros Region of southern Napa Valley, **di Rosa** celebrates the art and artists of the Bay Area, providing opportunities for creative enrichment and enjoyment of art and the environment throughout the year. The renowned di Rosa collection covers more than half a century of work from many noted and distinguished artists, attracting thousands of visitors annually for exhibitions, tours, lectures and family events.

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