

Recent Graduates Exhibition | 2016

Featuring the work of Oregon's top BFA and MFA grads

July 5 – 30, 2016

Opening: Thursday, July 7, 2016 | 6 pm – 9 pm

Lawrence Duckler New Arts Award Presentation and Bloggers Invitational:

Friday, July 8 | 6 pm – 8:30 pm

Blackfish Gallery: 420 NW 9th Ave., Portland, OR 97209 | 503-224-2634 director@blackfish.com | <http://www.blackfish.com> | Gallery Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 11 am – 5 pm

Where will visual art take us in the next decade? A glimpse of the future can be gleaned this month at Blackfish Gallery as some of Oregon's newest and most gifted makers unveil their work in the 21st Annual Recent Grads Showcase.

Thirty graduating artists, selected by the art faculties of their respective schools, present work in photography, sculpture, painting, artist books and more. The show offers an opportunity for viewers to see what themes resonate with millennial artists (feminism,



sexuality, identity, relationships, the grocery store as metaphor, to name a few) and get a sense of how the art object may be altered going forward.

Blackfish organizes and sponsors the recent grads exhibition each year because we are committed to supporting arts education and providing a springboard for Oregon's emerging artists.

New this year, Blackfish presents the Lawrence Duckler New Arts Award to the artist who wins "best in show" as determined by the popular vote of visitors to the gallery before July 8th. The award comes with a \$200 cash prize and the opportunity for a month-long installation in Blackfish's Fishbowl window gallery. The award is named for Dr. Lawrence Duckler, a beloved physician, father, husband, friend and staunch supporter of the arts in Portland, who believed in the importance of arts and artists in our society and the impact of their imagination on our present and future lives.

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Blogger's Invitational: Calling all arts bloggers and new media writers to a wine reception, organized by Blackfish with you in mind. Come together with your peers for a dialog about the effects of blogging culture on the Portland arts scene, and take in the Recent Grads show and the presentation of the Lawrence Duckler New Arts Award. Enjoy all this while mingling with artists and fellow arts writers.

Event is free.

Press invitations are available by contacting the gallery by email at director@blackfish.com

Date: Friday, July 8th

Time: 6-8:30

Location: Blackfish Gallery, 420 NW 9th Avenue, Portland, OR

RECENT GRADS EXHIBITION: ARTISTS

Erica Hitzman, Donni Later Eastern Oregon University • **Chandler Brutscher, Nicole Williford** George Fox University • **Camilla Radoyce, Mayumi Warren** Lewis & Clark College • **Kristin Miller, Jana Purington** Linfield College • **Katrina Almanza, Michelle Ashley** Marylhurst University • **Heather Lowe, Angelica Yudasto** Oregon College of Art and Craft • **Kaitlyn Carr, Nicki Silva** Oregon State University • **Ryan Patrick Krueger, Hazel Miller** Pacific Northwest College of Art • **Emily Miller, Janae Sargent** Pacific University • **Kyle Lee, Jennifer Vaughn** Portland State University • **Gita Castallian, Abigail Cox** Reed College • **Anja Dubois, Trevis True** Southern Oregon University • **Krista Heinitz, Rachel Widomski** University of Oregon • **Elizabeth Kowash, Rosemary Winslow** Western Oregon University • **Mara Brashem, Laura Cannon** Willamette University

IMAGES



Page one, top: Emily Miller, *Wanderers*, detail, 2016, Interactive installation/ceramics, 6'x6'x12'

Page one, bottom: Abigail Emiko Inoue Cox, *Yakisugi-ban*, 2016, Burnt cedar wood, nails, dimensions variable

Page two: Gita Castallian, *Live Loud: The Heavy Metal Underground in Portland*, one of two photographs, 2016, Archival inkjet print, 24"x36"