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The fourth issue of our PVA newsletter has landed, and we are halfway through the Winter 2017 semester. With midterms in full swing, art exhibitions coming and going, and performances abound, students are as busy as ever ensuring that this semester is a great one. Once Upon a Mattress was a huge success, Gallery 217 is being prepared for the Annual Juried Student Exhibition, rehearsals for Suddenly Last Summer, the final mainstage production of the 2016-2017 season, are starting very soon. With everything happening here in the Department of Performing and Visual Arts, spring break couldn't come at a better time! Congratulations to everyone for all of the hard work you have contributed to making this semester a rousing success, and enjoy a well-deserved spring break! Keep on working hard and striving for success - we can't wait to share it all here with the rest of the world!

-Alyiece Moretto-Watkins and Mackenzie Anderson
Upcoming Events

*Ticketed Events

Annual Juried Exhibition
March 23rd, 5:00-7:00pm, Opening Reception
Gallery 217

Suddenly Last Summer*
April 7th and 8th, 7:30pm
April 8th and 9th, 2:00pm
Performance Theatre

Festival of Student Works
Dance: April 28th and 29th, 7:00pm
One Acts: April 28th and 29th, 8:00pm
Performance Theatre and Black Box Theatre

Get Involved

Janet Rodgers Workshop
World-renowned Dialect Coach, Theatre Artist and Voice and Speech Trainer Janet Rodgers will be hosting a workshop about archetypes and the stage for NSU students on March 22nd. Rodgers’ book, Acting and Singing with Archetypes, is one of the teachings around which the PVA’s Voice and Movement class, taught by Dr. Bill Adams, is built, so those students who have taken the Voice and Movement class or have worked with archetypes will be especially interested to learn from the pro! Those who have not are welcome to observe.

Where: Performance Theatre
When: March 22nd, 5-7pm

Come dressed to move

Meet the Juror

Kim Spivey graduated from Florida Atlantic University with a M.F.A. in painting and a B.F.A. in printmaking. According to her website, “Spivey’s work seeks out beauty that is found from deep observation. Her inspiration derives from the range of subtleties, intricacies, and fluidities found within the materials she works with.” Spivey has been chosen as the juror from the Annual Juried Student Exhibition, the winners of which will be chosen on March 23rd during the opening reception in Gallery 217. In addition, PVA faculty have arranged for students in the evening Art and Design classes to participate in a masterclass with Spivey about printmaking the day before the AJSE opening reception.

There is still time to submit your artwork for consideration for the AJSE! Works must already be prepared for gallery display (contact Tennille Shuster at ts756@nova.edu for information on how to do so) and must be dropped off with a label securely attached to the PVA Front Desk or directly to your instructor by March 14th.

AJSE Opening Reception: Gallery 217, March 23rd, 5-7pm

2016 Marbled BIG ground and hard ground etching with aquatint, Kim Spivey
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
Jennifer Hicks

Art and Design Major

What is your favorite thing about the PVA?

The creativity of expression. Everyone has a different outlook and that shows through their work. I knew I had some artistic skill coming out of high school but I originally wanted to pursue another avenue of my skills. It wasn’t long after looking into my other choices that I decided I couldn’t commit to them. I needed an outlet that would let my creativity show while still having job security. I was able to find that through Graphic Design.

Why did you choose NSU?
I chose NSU initially because it was close enough that I could commute to and from home, and I also loved the campus. After being here I’ve felt that the size of the university really fit my lifestyle as well.

What are your plans after graduation?
Right now I am looking into further internships and full time job opportunities in my industry. I’m specifically applying to internships at the Walt Disney Company for graphic design and marketing.

Sharks on the Scene

Dance major Alonzo Williams was chosen to speak at the upcoming TEDxNSU event. The TEDx program is a subset of the renowned TED company, whose mission is “ideas worth spreading.” TEDx is a small, independently-organized TED event where local members of a community can come together and give talks very similar to those given at national TED conferences with unique themes. The theme for this year’s TEDxNSU is Stop, Drop, and Roll! Each speaker will interpret the theme and discuss how they have stopped, dropped, and rolled in their lives. The event will take place on March 18th from 12-5pm in NSU’s Performance Theatre. Tickets for this event go very quickly, so be sure to reserve yours today! Tickets are $20 and can be obtained from https://tinyurl.com/TEDxNSU2017Tix. Click on the TEDxNSU logo to the right for more information about the event.

The Mako Band will be performing at this year’s STUEYS! The STUEYS, or the Student Life Achievement Awards, honors the best students in Academic Excellence, Student Centered, Integrity, Innovation, Opportunity, Scholarship/Research, Diversity, and Community. Students are nominated by their peers or professors. Once nominated, a jury made up of the NSU chancellor, NSU president, executive vice president of administration, and former STUEY award winners vote on the winners for each category. The 2017 STUEYS will take place on April 13th in the Miniaci Center for Performing Arts attached to the library. If you’d like to nominate one of your fellow students from the PVA, click on the photo of the Mako Band above to access the nomination form! If you would like to get involved in the Mako Band, reach out to director Jessica Collado at jcollado@nova.edu for more information.
Sharks in the Wild: Graduates in the real world

Stephanie Caceres graduated with a B.A. in Music from NSU in 2014. During her time here, she was a part of the Mako Band, took French horn lessons, and performed in the pit orchestra for multiple musicals. She also worked with a music therapy company where she introduced special needs children to music in an effort to alleviate their symptoms. She recently got accepted to the 10,000 Fathers Worship School in Atlanta, Georgia, where she will continue her music path toward becoming a worship leader.

Stephanie Johnston graduated from NSU in 2015 with a B.A. in Graphic Design. She has been freelance graphic designing since 2010, and started working with Sectis Design after graduating from NSU. Steph is also a painter and sketcher, and her work was featured at this year’s Art Wynwood in Miami at Sectis Design’s booth, which was on display February 16th-20th. Stephanie’s website and contact information can be reached by clicking on her photo to the right.

FACULTY + STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Tennille Shuster
Associate Professor of Art and Design
Faculty Member since 2007

Classes taught by Tennille:
Graphic Design I and II
Museum Studies and Gallery Practices
Book Art and Letterpress Printing
NEW: Honors Book As Art, offered Fall 2017

Associate professor Tennille Shuster was recently awarded a Project Assistance Grant from the College Book Art Association (CBAA) to complete an artist’s book edition entitled “The Party’s Over” in response and in resistance to the current political landscape. The book will feature hand-set letterpress printed hard bound covers, an accordion-fold flag book interior using hand marbled papers (including those in the image below) and hand-pulled screen printed balloons. An edition of 50 will be crafted, to represent the 50 states comprising our nation, and 100% of the profits from the sale of the book will be donated to charities including the ACLU, Planned Parenthood, NAACP, and NRDC, among others. Congratulations, Tennille, we can’t wait to see the final version of your artist’s book!
CONGRATULATIONS!

NSU Graphic Design major Lacei Sams was just awarded first place in the Palm Beach International Film Festival’s Student Showcase of Films poster contest! The Student Festival of Films is the largest Florida film competition for students, and awards over $12,000 in cash prizes in a variety of categories, including Feature/Shorts, Documentary, Animation, Music Video, Commercial/PSA, and many more. Along with a $500 prize for the Poster Design award, Lacei’s work will be used as the primary publicity poster for the 2018 contest. This is the second year in a row that a student from the NSU PVA Graphic Design II class, taught by Tennille Shuster, has won the Poster Design category for the Student Showcase of Films! The winner from last year’s contest (whose poster is being used now for the 2017 showcase) is Bailey Glazer, who graduated from NSU in 2016 with a B.A. in Graphic Design.
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