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ARTBASH 2014 Showcases the Visual Arts at UF on Friday, October 24, 6-9 p.m.

Gainesville, Fla., October 16, 2014 — ARTBASH, the annual celebration of art at the University of Florida (UF), takes place from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24, 2014. The College of the Arts' School of Art + Art History (SA+AH) throws open its doors to members of the UF and Gainesville communities, offering them the chance to view a dazzling variety of projects by UF art students. UF faculty will also offer informal portfolio reviews to prospective high school students from 7-8 p.m. This year's Art Bash will feature guest alumni artist **Chase Westfall** (BFA UF, 2008; MFA University of Georgia, 2011), director of /protocol, a contemporary art gallery and artist's residency program in Gainesville, Florida.

ARTBASH offers an inside look at the SA+AH and showcases the scope of disciplines it offers, from intimate drawings to ceramic works of art, from vibrant graphic design to sculpture, experimental photographs, Art + Technology video projects, prints, paintings, art history, art education displays and more. This fun, free event encourages discussion between students and the community and introduces potential students to the school's facilities and diverse programs. Attendees are encouraged to participate in the demonstrations, exhibitions and interactive projects from both our academic and studio areas.

"ARTBASH is our annual open house event that showcases the depth and breadth of the school's disciplines to the community," said Richard Heipp, director of the SA+AH. "We are very excited about the expanded role of ARTBASH again this year. Last year, over 600 people attended ARTBASH and this year we hope to see more. Special events will take place and student artwork will be displayed in our classrooms, hallways and the Fine Arts courtyard. Art bash presents an opportunity for SA+AH students to share their projects with their fellow students, faculty and the community. This year, we are extending a special invitation to those not currently attending UF. We invite all high school students, college students pursuing an associate degree in art as well as any parents and friends to join us for a festive evening of art, music and fun through ARTBASH 2014 and experience the innovative programs that the SA+AH has to offer."

Displays will include large-scale inflatable artworks from the students of WARP (Workshop for Art Research and Practice), our nationally recognized foundations course, HOT Clay's "Bowling for Pots" and wheel throwing demonstration, as well as printing demonstrations. In addition,



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University Gallery will be open and will host a book signing by art collector Hector Puig of *Come Home*, the extensive catalog from the current exhibition from 6-8 p.m.

A special ARTBASH concert will take place in the Fine Arts courtyard just outside of University Gallery. The performance features live music by Westfall's band, recording artist "**Dear and Glorious Physician**" from 9-10 p.m. Opening the performance will be the 2013 NCFBS Blues challenge winner "**The R. Mutt Blues Band**" at 8 p.m.

The SA+AH will also feature programming throughout its buildings, including FAA, FAB, FAC, FAD and University Galleries located at 400 SW 13th Street, Fine Arts Building B at the intersection of SW 4th Avenue and SW 14th.

About the School of Art + Art History

The School of Art + Art History is one of the University of Florida College of the Arts' three fully-accredited schools. The School of Art + Art History supports the College of the Arts' mission of serving as an educational, professional and cultural resource in the visual arts for the campus, community, state and region. Programs offered include art education, art history, art and technology, creative photography, ceramics, drawing, graphic design, painting, printmaking, sculpture and visual art studies. In addition, the school supports five galleries that are open to the public and feature contemporary artwork, student pieces and more. To learn more, visit www.arts.ufl.edu/art.

About the College of the Arts

The College of the Arts, previously known as the College of Fine Arts, is one the 16 colleges and more than 150 research centers and institutes at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. The College of the Arts offers baccalaureate, master's and Ph.D. degree programs in its three fully-accredited schools — the School of Art and Art History, School of Music and School of Theatre and Dance. The college is home to the Center for Arts in Medicine, Center for World Arts, Digital Worlds Institute, University Galleries and the New World School of the Arts in Miami. More than 100 faculty members and more than 1,220 students work together daily to engage, inspire and create. The college hosts more than 300 performances, exhibitions and events each year. Faculty and students also exhibit and perform at other local, national and international venues. To learn more, visit www.arts.ufl.edu.

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