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Apocalyptic Worlds
UF's Gary R. Libby Gallery
November 27, 2017 through February 2, 2018
Public reception January 19, 7-0 p.m.

Gainesville, Fla., October 2, 2017— University Galleries at the University of Florida presents ***Apocalyptic Worlds*** in the Gary R. Libby Gallery located on UF's campus November 27, 2017 through February 2, 2018. A public reception will be held in the Gary R. Libby Gallery on January 19, 2018, 7 - 9 p.m.

Apocalyptic Worlds is a collaborative drawing assignment developed in Art 3111 Thematic Drawing. The class began by reading and discussing the opening chapters of Aldus Huxley's "Brave New World" a dystopian novel that explores behavior conditioning and *new* reproductive technologies that effect sweeping changes in society. In groups of three or four and students were tasked with developing a world that they could then effect with a catastrophic event. Some groups created a class system where the *haves* lived in bio-domes and the *have-nots* were impacted by meteor's. Another group created an Art Deco city after the flood waters have receded. Students worked to develop a visual language that would meld their individual drawing styles and a color palette that would drive the overall narrative. The large-scale drawings are the result of their research and the wall of small scale drawings were the studies produced during the research phase of the project.

Exhibitors include: Juana Diaz, Grace Downey, Ros Fiol, Claire Glenn, Jordyn Goldklank, Ryan Haddix, Preston Harris, Kyla Jenkins, Paxton Klotz, Samantha Mark, Nadeline Nave, Olivia Onate, Franklin Ratliff, Chase Register, Lauren Rhodes, Dallas Sigmon, Kylee Skidmore, Brett Taylor and Montana Wilson.

About University Galleries

University Galleries is comprised of three art galleries that play an integral role in the teaching mission of the School of Art + Art History, College of the Arts at the University of Florida, as well as serving the entire UF and Gainesville community.

University Gallery's (UG) primary mission is to provide the greater Gainesville community with a contemporary venue that continually explores new directions in visual art, sometimes incorporating historical perspectives as well. UG also collaborates with myriad UF colleges, community and regional entities in creating a trans-disciplinary venue for artwork that is relevant to education at UF, and the greater region.



Exhibitions feature nationally/internationally known artists in the fall, and a bi-annual studio art faculty exhibition, juried student art show, and MFA graduating thesis project exhibitions in the spring.

Gary R. Libby Gallery presents art exhibitions that are organized by graduate student curators, in conjunction with the director of the galleries, providing an opportunity for students to learn experientially about curation, exhibition design and presentation, and visitors to view professionally presented shows that primarily feature contemporary art.

Constance and Linton Grinter Gallery of International Art presents exhibitions organized by graduate student curators, in conjunction with the director of the galleries that feature international and multicultural artworks. This venue allows graduate students to learn experientially about curation and exhibition design, and visitors to experience art and artifacts from across world cultures.

Parking Information

Daytime parking is available in reserved spaces between Fine Arts Building C (FAC) and Inner Road. From SW 13th Street, enter campus on Museum Drive. Turn right on Newell Drive, then right on Inner Road. Turn left into the parking lot behind FAC. The first three spaces on the left are reserved for gallery use. Parking permits are issued to gallery visitors in the University Gallery.

For more information, please contact the University Gallery at (352) 273-3000 or visit our website at www.arts.ufl.edu/galleries.

About the College of the Arts

The College of the Arts is one of 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 institutionally-accredited schools — the School of Art + Art History, School of Music and School of Theatre + Dance. The college is home to the Center for Arts in Medicine, Center for Arts and Public Policy, 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 approximately than 1,200 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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