

# **HUDSON VALLEY CENTER for CONTEMPORARY ART**

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## **Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art presents**

### **FIRST LOOK II**

*Exhibition Features The Best Art Students in the US*

Peekskill, NY ... The Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art (HVCCA) announces a new exhibition, **FIRST LOOK II**, work by 16 art students, selected from more than 800 studios visited at top schools throughout the country.

These young artists were nominated by a curatorial committee of 10 advisors including a select group of museum curators, gallery owners and collectors from cities around the country.

**FIRST LOOK II** opens on Saturday February 24, 2007 and the public is invited to attend the artist reception on Sunday February 25, 2007 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

The contemporary artwork included in the exhibition features a wide variety of concepts and media including painting, sculpture, photography and electronic media.

Participating artists for **FIRST LOOK II** were selected through studio visits made by the team of curatorial advisors who visited more than 800 studios at over 25 art program in schools across the country. The sixteen artists selected for inclusion in **FIRST LOOK II** and their schools are: T. Marie Dudman (Bard), Davis Rhodes (Columbia), Justin Allen (Hunter), David Mitchell (NYU), Mike Nemire (Pratt), Melissa Skluzacek (Purchase), Ryan Pierce (California College of the Arts in San Francisco), Michael Brown (SUNY New Paltz), Elisheva Levy (Yale), Logan Grider (Yale), Amy Yao (Yale), Gareth Long (Yale), Murray Dwertman (Pratt), Sean Fader (Art Institute of Chicago), Bryan Zanisnik (Hunter College), and Diane Landry (Stanford).

**FIRST LOOK II** will be on view in the mezzanine gallery through September 2007.

Due to popular demand, the critically acclaimed exhibition **reverence**, will be extended through September 2007. **reverence** features the work of 33 internationally renowned artists from 13 countries and addresses universal hopes and spiritual aspirations that are beyond specific religious iconography. Also on view are large-scale installations by Thomas Hirschhorn (**Laundrette**) and Helene Aylon (**Earth Ambulance**).

The Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art is located at 1701 Main Street in Peekskill, New York. The Center is open Saturdays and Sundays, from 11am - 6pm. Group tours are available by appointment throughout the year. Admission: \$5.00 adult; \$1.00 student; Members free. For more information on the HVCCA's exhibits and programs or call 914-788-0100, [www.hvcca.com](http://www.hvcca.com), or e-mail [info@hvcca.com](mailto:info@hvcca.com).

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Elisheva Levy (Yale University); sculpture

Michael Brown (SUNY New Paltz); sculpture  
Ryan Pierce (California College of the Arts, San Francisco); painting  
Bryan Zanisnik (Hunter College); video

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