

2019 – 2020 EXHIBIT SCHEDULE CUMMINGS ART GALLERY

Annual Art Faculty Exhibition

Monday, August 19 – Saturday, September 14, 2019.

Reception: Thursday, August 30, 5– 7 pm.

Closed for Labor Day weekend, August 31– September 2.

Our Art Department consists of working artists themselves, currently exhibiting in the field. Cummings Gallery proudly showcases an exhibit of their latest works. Featuring Daniel Burke, Tom Hubert, Gary Cardot, Jodi Staniunas-Hopper, Peter Stadtmueller, and Heather Denning.

COMING HOME: Reentry After Incarceration

Monday, September 23 – Saturday, October 26, 2019.

Reception: Thursday, September 26, 7 – 9 pm.

Closed for Fall Break, October 10 – 13.

Photography by Errol Daniels offers a glimpse into the trials of humanity and the beauty that flows out of perseverance. *COMING HOME: Reentry After Incarceration* is a collaborative project, featuring portraits by Daniels with essays by writer Katherine Russell. By documenting formerly incarcerated people as they return to society, this exhibit humanizes criminal justice statistics and portrays the challenges of post-incarceration life through word and photograph.

This exhibit is funded by the Rev. Sylvester Jaworski endowment, named after the Divine Word missionary and photographer who was memorialized in a gift by the late Audrey Hirt '49.

The National Collage Society's 35th Annual Juried Exhibit

Monday, November 4 – Saturday, December 7, 2019.

Reception: Thursday, November 7, 5– 7 pm.

Closed for Thanksgiving Break, November 27 – December 1.

Collage as an art form has only been identified during the 20th century. The National Collage Society, Inc. (NCS, Inc.) is an art foundation formed to promote the advancement of collage as a major art medium. Members are located throughout the USA as well as several other countries. A three-person jury will select a group of works that best illustrate this wonderfully broad and evolving art form. Mercyhurst's Professor of Art Daniel Burke has been elected by The National Collage Society to serve as their Awards Judge for this exhibit.

The Heart's Bright and Dark Light

Monday January 13 – Saturday February 8, 2020.

Reception: Thursday, January 23, 5 – 7 pm.

Closed for Martin Luther King Day, January 20.

New works by Minnesota painter Jil Evans examine the role that light plays: both in art, and in one's personal convictions. Through observing historical paintings in museum collections, the

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artist reflects, sketches, and translates her response into a series of vibrant, large scale, abstract oil paintings. Focusing on 5 works from the Minneapolis Institute of Art, this exhibit documents her creative process by presenting sketches and text with the completed work.

"I aspire in my paintings to express a profusion of activity, developed with a keen desire for uniting near and far, small and large, the loud and the quiet, the rent with the joined."

– Jil Evans

Patricia S. Yahn '50 Juried Student Art Show

Monday, March 9 – Thursday, April 2, 2020.

Reception: Thursday, March 12, 5– 7 pm.

Our students come to Mercyhurst with talent, passion, and imagination. Our art program channels these gifts through a disciplined approach to art making. Every year, the Gallery hosts an exhibit to applaud their best works in all mediums. This year's Guest Juror, James Pearson, will choose the works for this show and present awards. This opportunity is made possible by a gift from fine artist and Mercyhurst Art Alumna, Patricia S. Yahn '50.

2020 Senior Art Thesis Exhibition

Monday, April 6 – Friday, May 1, 2020.

Reception: Saturday, April 18, 3 – 5 pm.

Closed for Easter Break, April 9 – 13.

Seniors majoring in art pair with a mentor from our Art Faculty. By focusing on a solid body of work in one medium, students will graduate with a fully-prepared portfolio. Seniors present this final visual thesis as a public exhibition.

University Permanent Collection

Monday, May 11 – Thursday, July 30, 2020.

Over the years, friends and local artists have gifted art to the University. These works hang throughout campus, giving our students, staff, and faculty daily access to art. Every summer, Cummings Gallery shares this gift of art with the community. A sample of our collection is on view to the public during all events held in the PAC.

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GALLERY HOURS:

Monday - Friday, 11am – 5 pm.

Saturday 12 pm – 3pm.

Closed Sundays.

The Gallery is open for our guests during summer events held within the PAC. Our regular operating hours resume in the fall.

During 2019 - 2020, we will be closed for holidays and university breaks on the following dates:

- August 31 – September 2.
- October 10 – 13.
- November 27 – December 1.
- December 8 – January 12.
- January 21.
- April 9 – 13.

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