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GMOA's *Staff Infection* opens at UGA on October 5, 2009

Athens, Ga.— From October 5 through November 20, 2009, the Georgia Museum of Art (GMOA) will present *Staff Infection*, an exhibition consisting of work produced entirely by the staff of GMOA. The exhibition will be on view in the main lobby of the Visual Arts Building on Jackson Street, the previous location of the Lamar Dodd School of Art and current temporary offices of GMOA, among others. *Staff Infection* can be viewed during the building's hours, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The exhibition, organized by Lynn Boland, Pierre Daura Curator of European Art, and Deirdre Conneely, associate curator, is part of GMOA on the Move a collective effort by the museum's staff to continue their mission in spite of the temporary relocation of their headquarters. Created by the Georgia Museum of Art in March 2009, GMOA on the Move hosts a series of off-site exhibitions and events such as "The Art of" series, Family Days, and traveling exhibitions. Boland said, "museum staff can't pass a 50-foot wall every day without hanging something."

Participants in this exhibition were asked to submit up to three selections of their work along with an artist's statement. The artists and their media are: Craig H. Brown, watercolor and pencil on paper; Hillary Brown, acrylic yarn; Larry Forte, oil on canvas; Tricia Miller, digital photography; Lanora Pierce, oil on board; Todd Rivers, letterpress print on paper; Sarina Rousso, watercolor and pencil on paper; and Jenny Williams, linoleum block print on paper.

There are varying degrees of artistic background represented among the artists in this exhibition. Forte has participated in numerous shows and exhibitions, the most recent being the 2004 Southeastern Juried Exhibition 2004, Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, Ala. Sarina Rousso, a University of Georgia graduate in drawing and painting, has shown her work in locations such as the Lyndon House Arts in Athens and the Red Door in Winterville. "I'm not much of an artist, especially compared to many of the other participants in this exhibition, but it was a fun opportunity to exercise my creative muscles," said Hillary Brown, museum editor.

The offices of the Georgia Museum of Art have been temporarily relocated to the Visual Arts Building at 285 South Jackson Street. The permanent location on Carlton Street is undergoing renovations and the construction of a new wing and is scheduled to reopen in early 2011.

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There will be a closing reception for the exhibition on Friday, November 20, 2009, at noon in the front lobby. Refreshments will be provided in the form of a potluck prepared by the museum staff.

For digital images and artist statements for *Staff Infection* visit http://www.uga.edu/gamuseum/press/images_pages/images_staff_infection.htm.

Visit our Web site at www.uga.edu/gamuseum or call 706.542.GMOA (4662) for more information.

Museum Information

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