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## **Oklahoma's Young Artists Gain Momentum** **Interactive art event highlights emerging artists**

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition's (OVAC) dynamic event **Momentum: Art Doesn't Stand Still** will be held **March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010** at the Goodwill Warehouse, 410 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> St in downtown Oklahoma City. The exhibition gives audiences an opportunity to view, purchase and experience artwork by Oklahoma artists ages 30 and under amidst the talents of local musicians, performers, poets and more.

On Friday, March 5, visitors will experience **Momentum: Downtempo**. The evening will begin with an exclusive Preview Party from 6-8pm, and will open to the public from 8pm-Midnight with performances by local bands *Jonbear Fourtet*, *Cami Stinson* and *An Old Timepiece*.

For a louder, faster paced experience, attend **Momentum: Full Speed** on Saturday, March 6. The art and performances will be accentuated by music from *The Mean Spirits*, *Ghosts* and *DJ Kelly Trance*.

Curators for the exhibition are John Seward, artist, and Margo Shultes von Schlageter, Momentum Spotlight Emerging Curator. They will select the art and performances for the exhibit from the more than 100 young artists that are expected to submit work. The two curators will also select the artists to receive the more than \$2,000 in awards.

Three artists received \$1,750 *Momentum Spotlight* commissions and have already been creating new artwork. The *Spotlight* artists were chosen in November for the program to receive cash commissions and three months of interaction with the guest curators. The *Spotlight* artists, Amber Farnell of Okemah, Geoffrey Hicks of Tulsa and Delvie McPherson of Oklahoma City, will be exhibiting these new projects for the first time at Momentum. Farnell is exploring the instability of the current housing crisis with her installation *Housing Subdivision*, made up of sculptural model homes on stilts. Hicks' project called *Heartbeat* will create a grid of light bulbs which hang from the ceiling and illuminate according to the heart rate of the participants connected to it. Delvie McPherson's *Natures Runway* will put the viewer at a New York style runway show which is created from materials found in nature.

Tickets for each night of the opening weekend are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door and can be purchased online at [www.MomentumOklahoma.org](http://www.MomentumOklahoma.org), by phone at 405.879.2400, or at any of the following ticket outlets: Blue 7, Full Circle Bookstore, Velvet Monkey, Guestroom Records (Norman & OKC), or Dwelling Spaces (Tulsa). For those interested in getting the first look at the art at the Friday night Preview Party, tickets are \$25.

Momentum: Art Doesn't Stand Still is made possible by generous community sponsors such as Jefferson Law Firm, George and Lila Todd, Rand & Jeanette Elliott, Istvan Gallery, Oklahoma Gazette, and Southwestern Stationery.

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