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Momentum Spotlights Oklahoma's Emerging Artists

OKLAHOMA CITY — Be transported to a world of artistic creation at **Momentum: Art Doesn't Stand Still**, presented by the Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition (OVAC). The multimedia event will be held March 9-10, 2012 from 8 pm – Midnight at the Farmer's Public Market, 311 S. Klein Ave in Oklahoma City.

Momentum offers Oklahoma artists ages 30 and younger an opportunity to exhibit their work in a venue created specifically for them. The interactive event presents a diversified look at Oklahoma's young artistic talent. The 2012 exhibition includes 118 pieces of art by 84 young Oklahoma artists.

Additionally, three artists received *Momentum Spotlight* commissions of \$2,000 and three months of guidance from the curators. The *Spotlight* artists, Marcus Kesler of Edmond, Margaret Kinkeade of Norman, and Samantha Lamb of Hobart, are creating new artwork just for *Momentum*.

Kesler's project uses long-exposure nighttime photography to capture the movement of time across the landscape of historically all-black towns in Oklahoma. Exploring feminine and masculine roles in traditional culture, Kinkeade is creating a Shaker-style kitchen using surprising materials. Her project includes a kitchen table and chairs made of delicate porcelain juxtaposed with wall-hanging quilts made of plasma-cut steel. Lamb's installation will bring her photographs to life by creating an environment filled with antique handkerchiefs, magnifying glasses, and honey illuminated by antique filament bulbs.

Curators Alison Hearst and Candace Coker will work with the three Spotlight artists to refine their projects for *Momentum*. Hearst is Assistant Curator at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. Coker, Momentum Emerging Curator, works as Project Coordinator at City Arts Center in Oklahoma City. The curators also selected more art and performances for the exhibition from a submission pool.

The two night opening begins on Friday, March 9 with *Momentum: Downtempo*, a more mellow experience, with musical performances by Jared Lekites, Colin Nance, and Ryan Lawson with the Hack & Saw Nation. *Momentum: Full Speed* on Saturday, March 10, offers a louder, faster paced experience with music from Tip Top Secrets, Student Film, and Reality & The New Era.

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, by phone at 405-879-2400 or at ticket outlets: Blue 7, Full Circle Bookstore, Velvet Monkey Salons, Guestroom Records (OKC & Norman), and Sips (Shawnee).

The *Momentum* exhibition continues with free gallery hours March 12, Noon-1 pm & 6-8 pm, and March 13, 6-8 pm. *Momentum Spotlight* artists will give brief artist talks at 7 pm on March 13.

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