Annual student juried art show recognizes 13 artists

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Reporter

The Annual Student Juried Art Show was held Wednesday at the Fine Arts Gallery.

The Rev. Michael Flecky, S.J., gallery director, said this year's turnout was much larger than in previous years.

The artists chosen were: Kevin Marx, best artist of the show; Lori Jones, Mindy Harvey, Kristen Pluhacek, Lynn Piper, Andy Leon, and Michael Thomas Montag received special recognition; Kerry Murphy, best beginning artist; Sheila Fitzgerald, Douglas Held, and Miki Sukemune received special recognition in this category; Marianne Franz, ceramics; Lynn Piper, drawing; Mindy Harvey, painting; Robert Groke, printmaking; and Michael Thomas Montag, sculpture.

Faculty members chose Frances Thurber from the University of Nebraska arts department to judge the show. By inviting a non-Creighton faculty member to select the pieces, the choices were formed from an objective opinion.

Arts senior, Marie Lammers, felt that more than one judge should be part of the selection process.

Lammers said that people have different tastes, and it is necessary that pieces chosen should be based from more than one opinion.

Flecky said that having more than one judge would only complicate the difficult decisions.

"It was hard to edit the work down, and pieces had to be eliminated on the basis of space," he said. As more works are submitted, the selection process becomes increasingly difficult and this show has proved to be the largest so far.

Approximately 20 percent of the works chosen varied in medium. In addition to the pieces exhibited in the gallery another 20 were selected to hang in the hallway.

Many pieces that did not appear in the show had their own exhibition in the studio rooms and in the halls. Unchosen work had a chance to receive admirers.

The show eludes "experimentation, risk, and playfulness which is really healthy," Flecky said.

Arts senior, Mindy Harvey, was chosen to exhibit "To Dance Again," a piece she hadn't titled until the show.

The oil painting is a composition of two dancers gracefully moving on the canvas. Harvey attempted to show the true spirit of movement, an important gift after she had been left paralyzed in her legs after a surgery.

"I want people to experience dance as they look at it and feel what it is like," she said.

Senior Lori Jones, who has three pieces exhibited, said that "It is good to have the experience of competition, but I think students should be able to sell their work during the show."

Ken Guthrie displayed several pieces. A unique piece titled "Seen from Echoes" combines painting with an almost sculpture-like appearance illuminated with blue and white spot lights.

The show will continue through May 12.