May 6 – July 10, 2011

This student-organized exhibition features nearly 80 artworks by over 75 juniors and seniors from USF’s Departments of Art + Architecture and Media Studies and includes a diverse array of projects, including architectural pieces, projects with an eye to social action and short films.

Juried by San Francisco-based designer Adelaida Mejia, architect Denise Bantley Owen, and Bay Area photographer and curator Moshe Quinn, this year’s show explores what is relevant and exciting to today’s student. Major themes of this year’s show include social information visualization, female vision and the reinterpretation of pop culture, many based around and influenced by San Francisco culture.

True to USF form, many works focus on community, the environment, and social justice. Sarah Well’s website, The Future of Market Street, re-imagines downtown San Francisco to include a community garden, an auto-free bike path and a waterway for fish between the ocean and the bay. Architects led by Ana Muñoz present plans for a girls’ orphanage and a health clinic for needy Haitian communities, both slated for construction.

Numerous works experiment with social information visualization and digital photography to push viewers beyond their expectations. Mala Omstead’s satirical photo, titled It Progression if a Cannibal Uses a Fork? uses humor and design to present a collection of “minimally important” discoveries of the 21st century. Chameleon, by Karim Iliya, is a striking photographic exploration of the way light and color play off a chameleon. Bashir Olangian’s photograph, F.C. Tajikistan, captures a young and excitable group of Tajik futbol fans. Additional works include quirky, low-tech films and unique single-edition books.

Students from the university’s Department of Art + Architecture organized all aspects of the exhibition. Award winners will be announced at the opening reception on May 6, 2011.

Artists:
Megan Aglam, Angela Alottit, Ashley Vivian Augustino, Biazalee Balan, Daniel Begaye, Anna Bejin, Jordan M. Bongian, Akina Brakwen, Elizabeth Brown, Kayla E. Busby, Bunny California, Paige Carrington, Chris Chappelle, Michael Conrad, Lauren Conre, Lauren Cromer, Stephanie Curiel, Somara Deng, Eric Douville, Carri Eder, Victor Ellienne, Joe Famularo, Aaramis C. Fularon, Sofia Gonzalez, Jordan Higa, Mustafa Hosseini, Kim Hosty, Karim Iliya, Chelsea Javier, Andrew Jimenez, Kelsy Jorgensen, Amy Kallen, Davis Kantor, Alex Kieve, Katie Kinsey, Kevin Kunze, Samantha Kwok, Sarah Larrabee, Becca Liu, Sebastian Mafoud, Emma Marson, Kate Matsumoto, Danae Cherie Matthews, Mara McGinley, Sophia Miles, Robert Mingoa, Elizabeth Moody, Claire Moonie, Ana Munoz, Samuel North, Elliot O’Dea, Bashir Olangian, Mala Omstead, Hannah O’Neal, Carla Parkinson, Kalie Patterson, Chanse Perez, Vadim Podrobinok, D’Genaro Pulido, Jose Paul Qwistgaard, Sarah Recht, Kristin J. Ross, Ricardo Sanchez, Kristen Scarpia, Evan Schmidt, Kassey Stuart, Matthew Tomimaga, Janelle Toner, Jannsa Taricho, Anna Rose Tall, Helen Vasquez, Mengxing Wang, Sarah Wells, Kaie Yarborough, Justine Young

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