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Top class: 'Making: Progress' exhibition at Beach Museum features juried work by university's art students

MANHATTAN — Art majors at Kansas State University are vying for the chance to have their artwork featured in an upcoming exhibition at the university's Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art. To earn a coveted place in the exhibition, they'll need to impress a noted New York gallerist.

"Making: Progress," a juried exhibition of work by university graduate and undergraduate art students runs Nov. 4-Dec. 7 in the museum's Ruth Ann Wefald Gallery. Selecting the works for the exhibition will be Kat Griefen, co-owner and director of the Accola Griefen Gallery in New York. Launched in 2011, the gallery exhibits work by emerging, mid- and late-career contemporary artists with a focus on women artists, including Jaune Quick-to-See Smith and Renee Stout, two artists in the Beach Museum of Art collection.

Griefen is coming to the university in late October to select submissions for the exhibition. She also will give a talk at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, in the museum's UMB Theater. In her presentation, "Navigating the Changing Art World(s): Building Career Paths through Connectivity and Collaboration," Griefen, an art dealer and art historian, will discuss the trajectory of her own career directing both not-for-profit and for-profit art galleries and address strategies for artists and art professionals navigating the changing art world. Her presentation is free and the public is welcome.

Timothy R. Donoghue Graduate Scholarship recipients will assist with the "Making: Progress" exhibition installation and selection process. The art department at Kansas State University offers degree options in ceramics, digital art, drawing, graphic design, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, metalsmithing and jewelry.

An opening reception for the "Making: Progress" exhibition will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, in the Beach Museum's UMB Theater. The event is free and refreshments will be provided.

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