

# UMass Arts Council Mini Grants Awarded 2006-2007

- \$650      **Visiting Writers Series: Susan Steinberg and Lisa Olstein/** *MFA Program for Poets and Writers*  
Fiction and poetry readings by Susan Steinberg and Lisa Olstein as part of the Visiting Writers Series on Thursday, November 30, 2006 at 8pm in Memorial Hall, free of charge.
- \$250      **Diwali/** *Pranava-RSO*  
The Diwali festival is one of the most widely celebrated festivals amongst Indians and people of the Hindu religion, to be held from 7pm-1am on Friday, November 10, 2006 in the Campus Center Auditorium.
- \$390      **"Winter's Over-rated"/** *Art Department*  
Jesse Blumenthal's BFA thesis exhibit revolves around the fusion of art and snowboard culture/lifestyles. To be held at various locations November-December 2006
- \$500      **"Caribbean Carnival"/** *Casa Dominicana and Haitian American Student Association-RSO's*  
The 13th Annual HasaCasa Cultural Night to be held from 7 P.M.-2 A.M. Friday, November 10, 2006 in the Student Union Ballroom.
- \$750      **Nexus Magazine/** *Nexus-RSO*  
1500 free copies of the 4th issue of The Nexus Magazine will be distributed to the five college community on December 1, 2006.
- \$300      **Visiting Writers Series: Poetry Readings/** *MFA Program for Poets and Writers, /Juniper Fellows*  
Readings by internationally acclaimed poets Ales Debelijak, Brian Henry, Tomaz Salamun and Andrew Zawacki to be held at 8 P.M. on Monday, March 5, 2007 in Memorial Hall followed by and Q&A session.
- \$450      **One=One:Creating an Alternative Currency/** *Sociology Department*  
A documentary will be made and screened explaining the logic of alternative currencies and show the process by which a time bank was created in two low-income MA towns. To be shown on April 27, 2007 as part of the Undergraduate Research Conference in the Campus Center.

- \$500      **What is Love: Selections from the Permanent Collection/ *Program in Art History***  
 Student curated exhibit using the Gallery's collection of contemporary works of art on paper, in conjunction with the graduate art history seminar, "On Love and Loss in Art, History and Practice". University Gallery, April 18-June 3, 2007.
- \$500      **Camilo Alvarez: Samson Projects Gallery/ *Graduate Art Student Association-GSO***  
 A public lecture and Graduate art studio visits by contemporary art curator and owner of the Samson Projects Gallery, Camilo Alvarez on April 3, 2007.
- \$500      **"Kitschy Couture"/ *Art Department***  
 A BFA thesis exhibition by Elizabeth Lynch consisting mixed media collages whose imagery is derived from ads and photo shoots from the publications *W*, *Vogue* and *Flaunt*. Augusta Savage Gallery, May 7-11, 2007.
- \$250      **Derek Lucci Master Class/ *Courageous Chaos Capstone Class-- Commonwealth College***  
 A workshop offered to the 10 members of the Capstone class to enhance their preparation for their solo performance pieces that will be presented in May as part of their honors theses. 6:30 -9:30 pm, March 12, 2007 in Herter 227.
- \$550      **"Oh the stories you'll tell: History, Communication and Empowerment in Quilting"/ *Women's Studies Department***  
 Allison Slutter's honors thesis exhibition includes a display of quilts to show "their history and impact on women." Quilt Artist Jacqueline Mooney will speak at this event. Cape Cod Lounge, April 5, 2007.
- \$500      **7th Annual Mark Roskill Symposium in Art History/ *Organization of Graduate Students in Art History***  
 This student run symposium to be held from noon-5 P.M. on April 27, 2007 in Thompson 106 will feature five students who have been selected to deliver 20 minute papers on the topic "Faces, Portraits, and Identity".
- \$500      **Workshop with Michele Rosewoman/ *WMUA-FM***  
 Workshop to be held from 12:20-1:30 pm on Thursday March 29, 2007 in Bezanson Recital Hall focusing on the leadership roles of women in jazz ensembles.

- \$350      **Haitian Night/ Haitian American Student Association-RSO**  
The annual Haitian Cultural Night to be held from 7pm - 2am on Thursday, April 12, 2007 in the Student Union Ballroom will include costumes and cultural dances by Jenny and Jeffrey from Boston and student troupe Belle Kreyol.
- \$150      **Alchemy: A BFA Sculpture Thesis Exhibition - Art Department**  
Timothy Gough's BFA Sculpture exhibition involves everyday materials in highly repetitive and organized arrangements. Student Union Gallery, May 7-11, 2007.
- \$100      **"Other Voices: Sounding Self"/ Art Department**  
A MFA thesis exhibition by Sally Greenhouse exploring the way in which "oral messages" are incorporated with daily thoughts of "who we are and with whom we are connected in the world" through a sound art installation. Herter Art Gallery, May 12-17, 2007.
- \$100      **Thesis Performance: Courageous Chaos/ Courageous Chaos Capstone Course of Commonwealth College**  
Six students from this honors college course will each be performing 30 minute solo pieces based on different conflicts and issues, both internal and external. 6:30-9:30, May 21-22, 2007 in the Fine Arts Center.
- \$40      **Short Cuts Publication Party/ Short Cuts-RSO**  
The "Short Cuts" Publication Party will include the distribution of the most recent edition of "Short Cuts" and readings by authors. May 10, 2007 from 6-8 pm.
- \$200      **The Pickpocket Coffee House/ Commonwealth College**  
A free publication of "The Pickpocket", a magazine publishing poetry, fiction and essays by undergraduate students from all over the country will be distributed in the Commonwealth College Lounge during a coffee house. The publication will be distributed the week of May 14, 2007.
- \$200      **Holi/ Pranava**  
"Holi" celebrates the arrival of spring harvest and is often referred to as the festival of colors, to be held from 1-5 pm on Saturday, April 21, 2007 at the Athletic Field near the stadium.
- \$450      **Global Awareness/ Art Department**  
Christopher Wagner's BFA exhibition will include eight posters showing the facts and statistics about global warming and the climate crisis. Student Union Art Gallery, May 14-18, 2007.

- \$100      **New Work/ Art Department**  
Group exhibition by over 20 UMass students in a variety of mediums, curated by John Lancaster. 6-9 pm, May 4, 2007. 31 Chestnut Street, Amherst.
- \$280      **Constructs of Consumption/ Art Department**  
Julian Ramirez's BFA thesis exhibition exhibit to be held at Student Union Gallery, May 14-18, 2007, will consist of 15 digital prints examining and highlighting the "defects in our society related to consumption and waste, emphasizing the effects of our dependency on specific objects and lifestyles."
- \$750      **The Stage/ Art Department**  
Michael Aronson's work will be featured at the Student Union Gallery, May 14-19, 2007. A short 16mm film with digital video tracing one character's journey through a theater production will be created. The film will be screened in the SAGA animation/motion media screening as well.
- \$385      **Thesis Quest/ Art Department**  
Daniel Lucey will create a 1990's style video game by limiting pixel resolution and working with programmers and a composer as part of his BFA thesis exhibition. Student Union Gallery, May 14-19, 2007.
- \$100      **"The Wonderful World"/ Art Department**  
Xiao Ma's Masters thesis exhibition will feature drawings combining traditional Chinese lines with modern Western art. Herter Gallery, May 12-17, 2007.