Fine art student gala raises funds to support installation of permanent sculpture

Edmonton – MacEwan University fine art students will be holding their annual Fine Art Student Gala and Maquette Project as part of a series of events and collaborations with the Stony Plain Business Association. The goal of the project is to raise funds to build a permanent student sculpture that will be displayed on Stony Plain Road.

“Our collaboration with the Stony Plain business community allows students to form connections, and contribute directly to building our community,” said Agnieszka Matejko, sculpture instructor, MacEwan University. “The support students have been given by the local community will leave a lasting impression on their careers,” added Matejko.

The gala will feature a juried show of maquettes (small preliminary models of proposed works) and body art created by Fine Art students. In addition, university music students will perform their original compositions inspired by the art. Following the gala, the community at large will have the opportunity to vote online for their favorite maquette with the hope that one or more of them will be eventually translated into steel and permanently installed on Stony Plain Road.

Matejko adds that the event gives both students and faculty the opportunity to blur boundaries between the arts and non-arts based communities, take art out of traditional venues, and generates innovative opportunities for artists.

MacEwan University sculpture and music students have collaborated with the City of Edmonton and the Stony Plain Business Association and Revitalization Zone over several years. The music students are working under the mentorship of professor Tom van Seters. They have put on successful temporary exhibits of artwork in Butler Park, on Stony Plain Road and inside businesses during the area’s Community Week Project.

Please join us for this unique and exciting celebration of student music and body art performances.

When: Friday, March 14
Where: Centre for the Arts and Communications, Room 186
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University inspires its students with a powerful combination of academic excellence and personal learning experiences. Offering more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training, the university provides a transformative education in a creative, collaborative and supportive learning environment where creativity and innovation thrive. Located in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, MacEwan University offers a unique student experience that opens up diverse pathways for achievement and growth.

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