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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Illinois Wesleyan University's Merwin & Wakeley Galleries will open their 20th annual Juried Student Art Exhibition on Monday, Feb. 12.

Due to inclement weather, the reception and awards ceremony have been rescheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 20 in the galleries (6 Ames Plaza West, Bloomington). The reception will begin at 4 p.m., with the awards ceremony at 4:30 p.m. All events are free and open to the public. The awards ceremony also will be broadcast live online. <u>View the Webcast.</u>

The exhibition, which will continue until March 1, will showcase the work of Illinois Wesleyan art majors and minors. All areas of IWU's studio art program will be represented, including painting, drawing, printmaking, graphic design, photography, ceramics, sculpture and kiln-fused glass.

The annual awards to be presented on February 12 include the Illinois Wesleyan Hart Career Center Purchase Award, which selects a piece to join the permanent collection of student artwork in the Career Center; the President's Award, chosen by IWU president Richard F. Wilson and the Director's Award, chosen by Miles Bair, director of the School of Art. New this year is the Hansen Center Purchase Award, a piece of artwork for a permanent collection in the university's Hansen Student Center, that will be selected by Kevin Clark, assistant dean of students, and students on the Student Advisory Board.

Gallery Hours are as follows: Monday - Friday: 12-4 p.m., Tuesday: 7-9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday: 1-4 p.m.

For more information, contact Carmen Lozar, visiting director of the Merwin & Wakeley Galleries, at (309) 556-3391.

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