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Fahimeh Vahdat at work in her studio.



A series of charcoal drawings by Vahdat highlight the oppression of women across the world.

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Work by visiting artist to open 2012-13 gallery season

The Bush Art Center has unveiled its 2012-13 gallery season, set to feature works of outside artists, faculty members and students.

The Baer Gallery opens for the season on Aug. 20 with a series by visiting artist Fahimeh Vahdat entitled "What Will Befall Her?" The series of large charcoal drawings on handmade paper highlights the oppression of women across the world.

Vahdat's poignant work has established her name in the international art world. **Shan Bryan-Hanson**, curator of the college's galleries, hopes that Vahdat's striking drawings will serve as a springboard for dialogue. "It's tough subject matter, but important," says Bryan-Hanson. "When we say [violence] 'around the world,' that means close to home, too, sadly."

The series will remain on campus until Sept. 13. Vahdat, formerly a faculty member at the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, will speak at a reception on the exhibition's final day, which will also feature an interactive performance piece.

Choosing a visiting artist is the responsibility of the entire art faculty, says Bryan-Hanson: "Earlier in the year myself and all the art faculty members got together and we looked at some images of different artists' work. We thought about the curriculum that we have here and what kinds of work will best help our students learn."

The fall semester gallery season will also feature the biennial art faculty exhibition, as well as an exhibit by **Brandon Bauer** (Art). Bryan-Hanson describes the latter show as "a retrospective look from 1996 to 2012" that will acquaint students and the community with the multidisciplinary artist's work. (Bauer joined the art faculty last year.) The semester will close with a fall senior art exhibition.

Beginning Aug. 20, the art galleries are open to the public Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Running concurrently with Vahdat's "What Will Befall Her?" is an exhibition of work by **April Beiswenger** (Theatre Studies). "Shows of Dross" can be seen in the newly renovated Godschalx Gallery from Aug. 27 through Sept. 22.

In our galleries this year:

Baer Gallery

"What Will Befall Her? The Art of Fahimeh Vahdat"

Aug. 20-Sept. 13

Reception: Sept. 13, 5-7 p.m.

The exhibition features a series of large-scale drawings that explore issues of global violence against women.

Biennial Art Faculty Exhibition

Sept. 22-Oct. 18

Reception: Sept. 27, 5-7 p.m.

The exhibit features new works by St. Norbert art faculty members **Brandon Bauer, William Bohné, Shan Bryan-Hanson, John Gordon '64, Bonnie de Arteaga and Brian Pirman.**

“Brandon Bauer: Works In Progress (1996-2012)”

Oct. 26-Nov. 20

Opening Reception: Oct. 25

This exhibit features the work of **Brandon Bauer** (Art), whose practice involves the critical use of collage, montage, the exploration of the contextual meaning of images and objects and experimental mapping projects.

Senior Art Exhibition

Dec. 3-14

Opening Reception: TBD

The Senior Art Exhibition is the joint capstone project of all St. Norbert art majors.

Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition

Jan. 21-Feb. 21

Reception: Jan. 24, 5-7 p.m.

This juried show features works of St. Norbert students.

“Yard: The Art of Craig Blietz”

March 1-29

Opening Reception: Feb. 28, 5-7 p.m.

“Yard” features poetic landscape paintings in which cows serve as vessels for expression.

Senior Art Exhibition

April 8-May 3

Opening Reception: TBD

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Godschalx Gallery

“April Beiswenger: Shows of Dross”

Aug. 27-Sept. 22

This exhibition features jewelry created from unconventional objects.

“Graphic Design and Rock & Roll”

Oct. 1-26

This exhibit features designs by St. Norbert art students.

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