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**School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Presents  
The 2009 "Student Annual Exhibition"**

*A comprehensive, juried exhibition of work by award-winning current students*

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**Boston, MA** (January 26, 2009)—The School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (SMFA), is pleased to present the 2009 "**Student Annual Exhibition**," on view in the Anderson Auditorium and Grossman Gallery February 17–March 10, 2009. This juried, multi-media show offers an in-depth exploration of work by current Museum School students.

Throughout the year, Museum School students have the opportunity to participate in a number of competitions—from juried exhibitions to prestigious awards and curatorial opportunities. The "**Student Annual Exhibition**" showcases the work of these award winners—as well as a variety of other exceptional student work that has been juried into the show—together for the first time. The 2009 Annual includes work by recipients of the 2008 Boit Awards for work created independently over the summer, the 2009 Dana Pond Awards in painting, the 2009 Yousuf Karsh Prize in photography, the 2009 Will and Elena Barnet Award in painting, and the 2009 Stella and Sumner Cooper Award for work in metals, glass, and ceramics. The exhibition and all related events are free and open to the public.

***RELATED EVENTS***

Opening Reception

Tuesday, February 17, 5–7 pm

Artists' Talk

Monday, March 2, 12:30 pm

Special Event: Wandelprobe

Tuesday, March 3 5:30–7:30 pm

The Museum School and the Boston Modern Orchestra Project (BMOP) invite you to an exploration of the creative process. Wander through the "Student Annual Exhibition" guided by musicians and visual artists who will demonstrate the evolution of art from conception to performance to public unveiling. Led by BMOP composer-in-residence Lisa Bielawa, the evening features Museum School artists and BMOP musicians.

The Gallery and Auditorium are located on the first floor of the Museum School at 230 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02115. Hours: Monday–Saturday, 10 am–5 pm; Thursday, 10 am–8 pm; Closed Sundays and holidays.

For more information, visit [www.smfa.edu/exhibitions](http://www.smfa.edu/exhibitions) or call 617-369-3718.

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***About the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston:***

*Founded in 1876 and accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (SMFA), is one of the largest and oldest museum schools in the country. A division of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, the School offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in partnership with Tufts and Northeastern universities. SMFA also offers an all-studio four-year Diploma and one-year Fifth Year and Post-Baccalaureate certificates. Through Continuing Education, evening and weekend courses and art-making programs for adults and teenagers also are available. For more information, please visit [www.smfa.edu](http://www.smfa.edu).*

***About the Boston Modern Orchestra Project:***

*Founded in 1996, Boston Modern Orchestra Project (BMOP) is one of a handful of professional orchestras in the United States dedicated exclusively to performing and recording music of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. Through its concerts and recordings, BMOP strives to illuminate the connections that exist between contemporary music and contemporary society by reuniting composers and audiences in a shared concert experience.*