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**6TH ANNUAL MINUMENTAL AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED
AT THE NEW HAMPSHIRE INSTITUTE OF ART**

MANCHESTER, NH – The New Hampshire Institute of Art is pleased to announce the award winners of the 6th Annual Minumental Exhibition. An awards ceremony was held Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 12 Noon in the Amherst Street Gallery at 77 Amherst Street. Faculty, staff, students and members of the community were in attendance to witness the announcement of award recipients and to observe the diverse array of 230 works on display.

The Honorable Judge Michael Jones, member of and Secretary to the Institute's Board of Trustees, served as the award judge for the exhibition. Judge Jones reported that he "came away exhilarated" after observing the works. The following New Hampshire Institute of Art students, faculty, staff and alumni were awarded for their pieces:

Amy Bettencourt of Nashua- *It's All in the Hips*, stoneware.
Amanda Blanc of Manchester- *Copper, Silver and Onyx Earrings*, jewelry.
Steve Booth of Canterbury- *Hot Flash*, photography.
Elizabeth Cameron of East Hampstead- *Snow*, intaglio/solarplate print – FACULTY AWARD.
Thomas Ford of Manchester- *Little Papi*, oil paint and wood.
Debbie Kinson of Bow- *The Power of Three*, mixed media – STAFF AWARD.
Mark Langlois of Manchester- *Sahara*, photography.
Rachel Normington of Windham- *Tiny Cup*, wood-fired stoneware – STUDENT AWARD.
Corina Willette of Center Ossippe- *Untitled*, water base print.

The Minumental exhibition is an excellent opportunity to build a collection of works by established and emerging artists at affordable prices. Retail prices do not exceed \$44.95.

The 6th Annual Minumental is on display through January 24th, 2008. Those interested in viewing the exhibition may visit the Amherst Street Gallery at 77 Amherst Street Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday 9 am to 12 Noon. Artwork may be purchased through the Institute Shop, located at 77 Amherst Street, Manchester. Please visit www.nhia.edu or call (603) 836-2510 for shop hours. New Hampshire Institute of Art galleries are free, open to the public, and wheelchair accessible.

For more information about this exhibition, please contact Alison Williams, Gallery Director, at (603) 836-2573 or awilliams@nhia.edu.

Information about the Institute and its programs is available at www.nhia.edu.

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