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Oct. 26 - Nov. 20th, 2009

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The Clara Hatton Gallery at Colorado State University is hosting an exhibition of emerging metalsmithing and jewelry artists, titled **to be (determined) : an exhibition of the first five**.

to be : (determined) began from an adage in the art world, "*the first five*". The first years of an art career are the hardest and the most critical; if young artists can keep making strides in the 'first five,' they are more likely to commit to a life of sustained practice. Jurors Maria Phillips and Sarah Turner conceived of this exhibition as a way to provide emerging artists with the opportunity to exhibit and to encourage momentum for their work. In an attempt to include a broad range of work and/or working styles, the call for entries was directed towards artists who had completed training as either an apprentice, self-directed maker or a graduate of a degree or non-degree program, within the last five years.

to be : (determined) allows us to see work from the newest generations of makers in the field. Rather than imposing a theme for the artists to address in their work, the guiding idea of the exhibition is determined by the work itself, and thereby reflects tendencies and ideas that are active, current and relevant in the field. This exhibition showcases a broad range of jewelry and objects that not only challenge tradition, but represent the growing range of diversity within the field of metalsmithing and jewelry as well.

Juror Maria Phillips will be visiting CSU to lecture on her own work; she will also be giving an informal and interactive gallery talk to discuss the works included in the exhibition. All events are free and open to the public. The exhibition runs from Oct. 26 through Nov. 20th, 2009.

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MARIA PHILLIPS--PUBLIC LECTURE

Thursday, Nov. 5th. 6:00 PM

CSU Visual Arts Bldg room F109

Don't miss the opportunity to view this provocative and exciting exhibition. For more information, contact Professor Haley Bates at haley.bates@colostate.edu, or visit the exhibition website: www.thefirstfive.org.

This exhibition and related events are made possible through a grant from the Lilla B Morgan Foundation, the CSU Metalsmithing and Jewelry Department, the Associated Students of CSU, and the Metalsmithing Guild of CSU.