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Manifest enhances the role of art and design in society by cultivating and focusing the transformative power of creativity in the visual arts. Manifest benefits people in the global and local community, including professionals, students, and the public, by creating quality-centered experiences focused on contemporary visual arts and related activities in the context of creative exploration.

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Magnitude SEVEN

Natalya Aikens Rebeca Alvarado Julie Anderson Samantha DiRosa Susan Ewing Kim Flora

Angela Katona-Batchelor Sun Kyoung Kim Anna Kipervaser Ron Kroutel

Iulie Mader-Meersman

Jillian Moore Brent Payne Mary Penn

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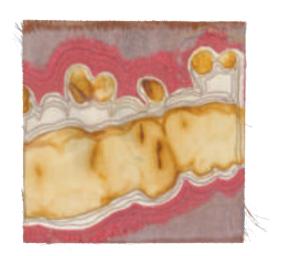


It's likely that most artists, art historians, collectors, and connoisseurs will tell you that their first, intuitive considerations of a work are formal ones, and that in addition to color, line, and shape, size is integral to forming the character of an object and its relationship to a viewer. Some will express a preference for large works of art, extolling a Rothko or Diebenkorn with mentions of drama and sublimity, an ineffable feeling of sharing physical space with a work, of being inside it. And, certainly, works executed on a large scale can have the effect of a spectacle, overwhelming a viewer and affording a measure of intimacy that is as humbling as it is capitulating.

But larger works can sometimes proscribe the intimacy of closeness. And striking audiences with the formidability of a canvas, grandiosity can miss in achieving what seems to be the essence of a viewer's experience – to not only look at a work, but into it with a purpose of true discovery. The works in this season's Magnitude Seven invite this kind of discovery as only small works can, insisting on proximity and disclosing themselves in exchange for looking closer.

In the work of Angela Katona-Batchelor, one is afforded the experience of literally unfolding secret forms; in the photographs of Matt Liston viewers are met with stark skyscapes to be investigated for details of stippled clouds and stainless architectures. Elsewhere, in works such as those by Amy Rublaitus and Brent Payne closer inspection yields an understanding of facture, calling attention to rich textures and retiform patterns of hurried lines. In these and in all of the works selected for this exhibition, there is a sense that, as viewers, we are being called to look into every detail of these diminutive compositions, to see every atomistic mark, to notice all the little vestiges of physicality leading back to the gestures of the creating hand and mind. And so looking closely becomes a discovery not only of the microscopic definition of a work, but also a means to discovering what details reveal the character of its creation—the reflections of its own coming to life.

Encouraging audiences to examine work with deliberate, careful attention echoes Manifest's own mission to highlight the transformative power of creativity in the visual arts, as this juried selection of artwork not only demonstrates outstanding creativity through limitation, but also the capacity for small works to effect a profound change in a viewer's experience.













Vatican 1 oil, collage and encaustic on panel 5.25" \times 6", 2007





The Royals oil, collage and encaustic on panel 7" x 5", 2007





hand-colored etching, resin, transparency, waxed paper, .375" x 4.25"dia., 2007 (#24 inset)







The Body Paradox #12 hand-colored etching, resin, transparency, waxed paper, petri dish, .5" x 3.5"dia., 2007

Triad 02





Bedouin Fogcrow oil on panel, $6" \times 6" \times 2"$, 2007



Bedouin Ibis oil on panel, 6" x 6" x 2", 2007

Palestinian Sunbird oil on panel, $6'' \times 6'' \times 2''$, 2007



















pper, paint, ink, nickel-silve 3″ × 3″ × 2″, 200



Symbogillis copper, paint, ink nickel-3" x 3.5" x 2", 2007

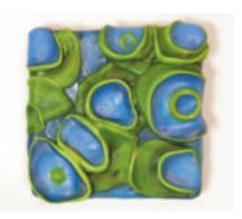


copper, sterling silver, aquamarine, opal, aga gold leaf, paint, 3″ x 3.5″ x 2″. 20











Concentric Growth: Green oil on plaster on panel 5.5" x 5.5" x 1.25", 2006

Shakers (Consumption Series) plastic, sterling silver, stainless steel 3.75" x 3" x 3" ea., 2007







Untitled - A Picture graphite on paper, 7" x 6.75", 2007

Untitled - Paint Chips graphite on paper, $7" \times 6.75"$, 2007







The Migration watercolor and prismacolor on paper $5^{"} \times 7^{"}$, 2006

Taylor Stephenson burlington, kentucky



iowa city, iowa



Untitled (2) acrylic on wood, 4.5" x 4.5" x .75", 2007

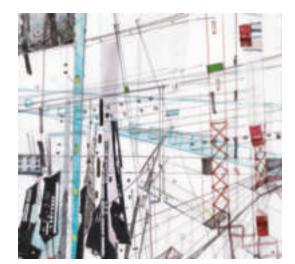


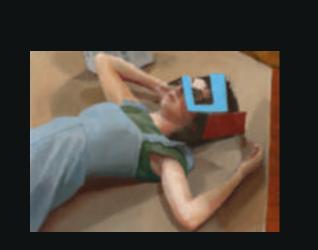


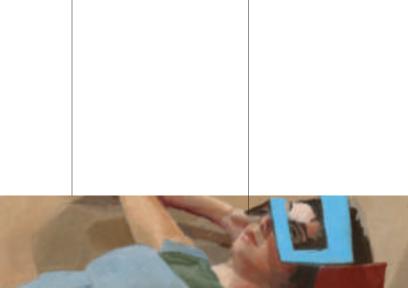




Wire Is collage, 6.75" x 4.75", 2006









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