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Focus: Fiber 2011 Stretches Perceptions of Textile Art

Focus: Fiber 2011, a juried triennial exhibition of contemporary fiber art, will be on display at the Canton Museum of Art from December 2 through March 4, 2012. Hosted in coordination with the Textile Art Alliance of the Cleveland Museum of Art, *Focus: Fiber 2011* features the best of contemporary textile/fiber work and pushes the boundaries of the medium -- merging ancient and new techniques in exciting and surprising ways.

Focus: Fiber 2011 features 50 works by 39 artists, ranging from miniature to very large wall pieces, as well as 3 dimensional works using non-traditional materials such as tea bags and dryer lint. Two hundred and seventy-eight pieces were submitted from an eight state region -- Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. The submissions varied from installation and performance works, to innovative re-visioning of traditional textiles. Entries were juried by internationally recognized fiber artist Dorothy Caldwell, of Hastings, Ontario. Says Caldwell, "Focus: Fiber 2011-12 provides a broad cross-section of work in an important field of contemporary art. I was struck by the audacious use of eccentric fabrics and casual construction -- the unpredictable carrier of a message."

Focus: Fiber 2011 is sponsored by the Textile Art Alliance, Canton Fine Arts Associates and Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. It will be on display through March 4, 2012, with companion exhibits by Martin Bertman and Ted Lawson. A Members Opening Reception will be held on December 8. For further information about the exhibit or Museum Membership call 330-453-7666, or visit www.cantonart.org.

Caption for image: *Catherine Joslyn, Wakatay 2, silkscreen, 30x20*

The Textile Art Alliance (TAA) is an affiliate group of the Cleveland Museum of Art. It established this juried event in 1970. The mission of TAA is to increase appreciation of the textile arts through lectures, workshops, and exhibitions, and to enlarge the textile collection of the Cleveland Museum of Art.

Juror, Dorothy Caldwell, is a graduate of Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia and has exhibited and taught in Japan, India, Australia, and the Arctic. Her work is included in many collections including the American Museum of Arts and Design and the Canadian Museum of Civilization. She will be at the Canton Museum on December 1st to assign the awards.

The Canton Museum of Art is located at 1001 Market Avenue North in the Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton, Ohio 44702. www.cantonart.org Phone: 330-453-7666.

Admission is \$6/adult, \$4/senior and student, children 12 and under are free and Canton Museum of Art members are free.

Museum Hours:

Monday – closed; Tuesday, Wednesday – 10 am – 8 pm; Thursday - Friday – 10 am – 5 pm
Saturday – 10 am – 3 pm; Sunday – 1 pm to 5 pm

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