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Third Annual Juventus 2006 Exhibit Featuring Student Artists Opens March 3, 6-9pm

Chicago, Ill. -- The Young Friends of the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art are pleased to announce the opening of the third annual Juventus 2006, an exhibit featuring twelve student and recent graduate artists representing institutions from Canada and the Midwest. The selections cover a wide range of styles and mediums, from photographs and collages on glass to installation and sculpture. Juventus 2006 is distinctive in that it gives young artists at the very beginning of their career a unique opportunity to be shown at an established institution, and at the same time presents a cohesive display of the trends and issues at the forefront of new art creation.

Juventus was designed to highlight the diverse ideas, propositions, and concerns currently engaging students and recent graduates of studio art programs. Those submissions that best reflected this diversity were selected to exhibit: Benjamin Funke, Sayre Gomez, Mayuko Kono, Maria Burke, Nathaniel Smyth, Mariano Chavez, Stacey Nemeth, Lauren Anderson, Dan Anhorn, Kristyna Comer, Caitlin Wells, and Matthew Schommer. They were chosen by a panel of jurors that included Youlia Tkatchouk, artist; Nicholas Sawicki, faculty at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago; and Anthony Elms, critic and Assistant Director at Gallery 400. The exhibit is curated by Karin Patzke, Chair of the Young Friends Committee.

The exhibit will open with a reception on Friday, March 3, from 6-9pm. Food and refreshments will be served, and the artists will be available throughout the evening for discussion and to answer questions. Prizes will be awarded for the top three pieces. This program is partially sponsored by a Chicago City Arts Program Grant and the Illinois Arts Council.

The Young Friends of the Institute is a committee of UIMA that sponsors events aimed to attract a younger and more ethnically diverse public to the Institute. The Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art was created to preserve and promote the knowledge and appreciation of contemporary Ukrainian art and culture. It serves as an artistic anchor in Chicago's West Town Community, providing world-class art exhibitions, concerts, literary readings, and educational cultural exchanges.

Located at 2320 W. Chicago Ave., UIMA is open Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 4 pm. For more information, please call 773-227-5522 or visit www.uima-art.org.