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**UIMA Seeks Submissions for Third Annual *Juventus* Exhibit – Deadline January 5, 2006**

Chicago, Ill. -- The Young Friends of the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art are seeking submissions for *Juventus 2006*, a juried exhibit designed to highlight the diverse ideas, propositions, and concerns currently engaging students and recent graduates of studio art programs.

Past *Juventus* exhibits have displayed the work of ten to twelve artists from areas as far as Nova Scotia and California, as well as the Midwest, and have presented jurors with a wide range of styles and mediums. Past judges have included Tom Palazzolo, filmmaker, and Hamza Walker, Director of Education for The Renaissance Society at The University of Chicago. The opening reception last year attracted over 300 guests and the interest of such Chicago notables as the Peter Miller Gallery.

Hamza Walker stated that he was pleased with the number of students from the U of C who submitted work: "Word is spreading. Competition is fierce, and no holds are barred."

*Juventus 2006* will hang from March 3 to April 10, 2006 in UIMA's main gallery space. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three works on opening night. All mediums and dimensions of work will be accepted for consideration. Students wishing to submit their work should send up to five slides or photos, a short biography and artist's statement, and a \$10 processing fee no later than January 5, 2006. Please contact Karin Patzke with questions at [kpatzke@uima-art.org](mailto:kpatzke@uima-art.org).

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 visit [www.uima-art.org](http://www.uima-art.org).

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