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# *While in Class...*

*In the spirit of production, artists exhibit  
their student work*

**Group exhibit juried by Lily Mayfield**

**Opening Reception: Friday, January 22, 2010 / 6-9 p.m.**

CHICAGO – Woman Made Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of “While in Class...,” an exhibition from January 22 through February 26, 2010, which seeks to get students’ works out of storage and into the light, and thereby examine the process of becoming an artist. What kinds of innovations are being made “while in class?”

What do artists learn at art school? What is an artist? How do you become one? What makes a good one? Responses to the first three questions are wide-ranging, but answers to the final question are all about hard work. In art school, students learn that becoming an artist requires a mysterious blend of complete commitment to their decisions and total openness to reconsider everything—it’s about production through trial and error in the spirit of learning.

“While in Class...” is juried by Lily Mayfield, and features work by 35 emerging women artists. Though the media, style, and content are all varied, a constant theme resonates: this work produced while in class illustrates a struggle and developmental process of discovering who they are and what they do as artists.



Renee Couture  
*We Eat Laughing, Helpless, and Forgetful*  
2.5 ounces potato chips, gold leaf

Exhibiting artists are Kristyna Archer, Margaret Carsello, Mary Chiamonte, In Kyoung Chun, Renee Couture, Kelsey Curkeet, Hope Esser, Anna Gratovich, Erin Hensberger, Elise Hibbard, Gwynne Johnson, Julie Jones, Robin Juan, Mel Keiser, Kaitlin Kostus, Susan Kwon, Elizabeth Larew, Mary Laube, Laurie LeBreton, Miranda Maher, Molly Nuzzo, Rachael Olmstead, Megan Ory, Katherine Perryman, Nirmal Raja, Rebecca Sonnack, Elizabeth Start, Jamie Steele, Sara Stubblefield, Olivia Swider, Katie Swietlik, Anna Timmerman, Davana Wilkins, Nicole Wingate, and Rachel Wunsch.

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**Exhibition Juror: Lily Mayfield**

Lily Mayfield is a photographic artist and educator. She teaches photography at Columbia College Chicago and College of DuPage. Mayfield has an MFA in photography from Columbia College, and a BFA from University of Florida. Her work has been exhibited nationally.

**In addition to the group show, “While in Class...,” Woman Made Gallery will exhibit a concurrent show, “From the Center,” sponsored by the Women’s Caucus for Art and juried by Lucy Lippard. Both exhibitions are on display from January 22 to February 26, 2010.**

**Woman Made Gallery**

**685 N. Milwaukee Ave.**

**Chicago, IL 60642**

**Website:** [www.womanmade.org](http://www.womanmade.org)

**Gallery Hours: Wed-Fri noon-7p.m./Sat-Sun noon-4p.m. / Admission: Free**

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