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**ANNOUNCING THE 2014 RISCA FELLOWSHIP EXHIBITION  
At the Pawtucket Arts Collaborative Mill Gallery February 21 - March 28, 2014**

The Rhode Island State Council on the Arts presents 25 of the State's Finest Artists at the 10th Annual RISCA Fellowship Exhibition Friday, February 21 through Friday, March 28, 2014. The RISCA Fellowship Exhibition is an annual event that showcases works by Rhode Island artists who have been recognized by the State for artistic excellence in their discipline. Fellowship Winners receive a \$5000 award and Fellowship Merit Award Winners receive a \$1000 award. Artwork by each artist will be included in the 2014 RISCA Fellowship Exhibition.

This year the RISCA Fellowship Exhibition will take place at the Pawtucket Arts Collaborative Mill Gallery, 560 Mineral Spring Ave in Pawtucket. The public is invited to attend:

- **Opening Artists Reception on Friday, February 28th from 6-9:00 PM.**
- **Fellowship Writers Night on Friday, March 7th from 6 – 8 PM** when literature Fellowship Award Winners will read from their most recent works. This event will also feature performances by **Music Composition Fellows Kirsten Volness and Paul Phillips**
- **Artists Talk and Closing Reception on Friday, March 28th from 6 – 8 PM,** when Fellowship artists will talk about their work and creative process.

**All events are free and open to the public.**

Gallery Hours: Thurs - Fri 3 - 7 pm, Sat - Sun 1 - 5 pm or by appointment: 401-487-8811

"The Fellowship Exhibition is a wonderful opportunity to experience the work of the artists selected as Rhode Island's 2014 RISCA Fellows," says Cristina DiChiera, Director of Artists Programs for the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts. "These artists were selected through a rigorous review process and they represent some of the finest creative talent our state has to offer,"

Visual artists featured in the 2014 RISCA Fellowship Exhibition include Bob Dilworth, Ernest Jolicoeur, Kirstin Lamb, Judith Larzelere, Jon Laustsen, Olivia McCullough, Quintin Rivera Toro, Eleanor Sabin, Jonathan Sharlin, Steven B Smith, and J.R. Uretsky. Video and music stations in the gallery will feature works by choreographers Ali Kenner-Brodsky and Danielle Genest, composers Paul Phillips and Kirsten Volness, filmmakers Xander Marro and William Smyth, and New Genres artists Megan and Murray McMillan. The Fellowship Writers Night will include readings by Ifa Bayeza, Tina Egnoski, Samson Jardine, Adara Meyers and Anna Solomon and performances by Music Composition Fellows Kirsten Volness and Paul Phillips.

To learn about the 2014 Fellowship Artists go to <http://www.arts.ri.gov/individuals/fellowships14.php>. For further information on the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts go to [www.arts.ri.gov](http://www.arts.ri.gov) or call 401/222-3881 or email [cristina.dichiera@arts.ri.gov](mailto:cristina.dichiera@arts.ri.gov).

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