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FREEDOM LIVED ART EXHIBITION TO OPEN IN BOYLE FAMILY GALLERY

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artCONVERSATIONS, a St. Louis-based art curator of exhibits that address human behavior and societal concerns, announced today that its inaugural exhibit, Freedom Imagined; Freedom Lived, will be on view May 22-June 17, 2016, at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts' Boyle Family Gallery at Lindenwood University's St. Charles campus.

The exhibit features the works of more than 50 artists who express different histories, experiences, and perceptions of freedom and the progress they have—or have not—made in achieving their aspirations. The artists hail from the greater St. Louis region as well as sixteen states and six countries.

"In our fast-changing world, each of us is compelled to contemplate our own interpretations of personal and public freedoms, even as we grapple with others' understandings of freedom," said Naomi Sonkin Fishman, founder of artCONVERSATIONS. "We called on artists to share compelling, nuanced perspectives on the pursuit of freedom in increasingly challenging environments. And the responses are telling."

The exhibit showcases sculpture, painting, video, poetry, and dance. The works provoke conversations about patriotism and the cost of freedom, an evolving culture of women's rights in the world, the experience of African Americans, the lens of freedom from Catholic, Jewish, and Muslim artists, as well as the challenges to freedom brought about by new technology.

Organizers said artConversations is honored that Lindenwood University agreed to host this special artistic exhibit on the quest for freedom in today's global society and thanked for their support Jerry Scheidegger, of the Lindenwood Board of Directors; Joe Alsobrook, dean of Lindenwood's School of Fine and Performing Arts; and John Troy, professor and chair of the Art and Design Department.

The Freedom Imagined; Freedom Lived opening reception will be on May 22, 2016, from 2 to 5 p.m. The exhibit will be open to the public Sunday to Wednesday by appointment, Thursday and Friday from 12 to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., from May 23 to June 17, 2016. The J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts is located at 2300 W Clay St., St. Charles, MO 63301. Admission is free (donations welcome) and open to all ages.

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