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DAYTON, Ohio -- University of Dayton art students will have the invaluable opportunity to experience rejection, says Beth Edwards, a visual arts professor at UD, when they participate in the annual Horvath Exhibition April 1 - 14 in UD's Rike Center Gallery.

"Rejection is an innate and unavoidable aspect of the arts because not everyone is going to like your work," said Edwards, director of the art gallery. "Because this is a competitive show, students are, in part, preparing to deal with criticism and learning that it doesn't mean their work is bad."

At a time when most students are more concerned with finishing art classes than entering art shows, the exhibition allows them an opportunity to have their works publicly displayed. In addition, students get a more complete view of the art world by publicizing the exhibit, organizing the opening, and arranging the artwork.

"I gain experience in showing my work," said Kate Payne, a sophomore fine arts major whose painting won an honorable mention in the exhibition last year. "The show is important to me because I learn what people like and that helps me grow as an artist. It also gives me confidence when I actually see something of mine on display."

The Horvath show was established by Josephine C. Horvath in remembrance of her
husband, Bela, a distinguished realist painter who died in 1973. The couple left Hungary during WWII and a relative at UD brought them to Dayton where they formed close ties with the University. Mrs. Horvath died in 1984 but the tradition of the exhibit continues at UD in memory of the couple.

"The Horvaths were very student-oriented," said Patrick Gilvary, current chair of the theatre department who helped organize the first Horvath exhibitions. The Horvath’s support of student artists is continued by the all-student exhibition and awards, Gilvary said.

About 200 works will compete for first, second, third and honorable mention awards. A prize for realism, in honor of Bela Horvath, will replace the "Best of Show" award this year.

A reception will be held the opening day of the show, Thursday, April 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. with the awards presentation at 8 p.m. Rike Center Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Admission to the reception and gallery is free and open to the public.

For more information, call UD’s visual arts department at (513) 229-3237.