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Isla Center for the Arts opens Faculty Biennial exhibit

A new exhibit at the University of Guam Isla Center for the Arts features artwork of UOG fine arts faculty and instructors. The “Fine Arts Faculty Biennial” includes artwork of varying media, including ceramic sculptures, acrylic paintings, prints, photographs, and digital images.

The exhibit opens at 6 p.m. tonight with a reception and will remain open during regular gallery hours — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays — from Dec. 5 to Jan. 24 at the Isla Center for the Arts, located in House #15 of Dean Circle on campus. Admission is free for the public.

Featured faculty artists include:

- **Lewis Rifkowitz** earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Kansas City Art Institute and a Master of Fine Arts in ceramic sculpture from Montana State University. Since 1989, Rifkowitz has taught courses in sculpture, ceramics, three-dimensional design, and environmental art.
- **Ric R. Castro** has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Pennsylvania and an Master of Fine Arts in painting from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Castro teaches classes in painting, design, and illustration.
- **Irena Keckes** is the most recent addition to the fine arts faculty. She holds a bachelor’s in art education from the Academy of Fine Arts, University of Zagreb in Croatia, a Master of Fine Arts in printmaking from the Tokyo University of the Arts in Japan, and a doctorate in fine arts from Elam School of Fine Arts at the

University of Auckland in New Zealand. Keckes teaches printmaking, drawing, and basic design.

- **Victor Consaga** teaches photography classes at UOG and is a professional photographer. He received his training through his experience while on staff at Latte Magazine and the Pacific Daily News.
- **Perry Perez** graduated from the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, Calif., and holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in advertising illustration. He has more than 20 years of experience working as a graphic designer/illustrator. Perez teaches the graphics art courses at UOG, the newest addition to the fine arts/art program.

Groups are cordially invited to call the Isla Center at 735-2965 or email islacenter@gmail.com to schedule tours of the exhibit.

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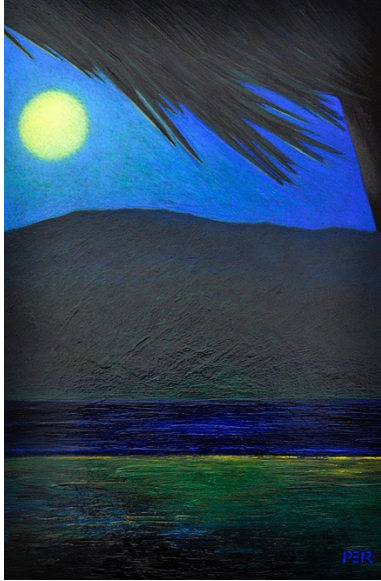
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“Daydream,” a woodcut print by Irena Keckes



A clay sculpture by Lewis Rifkowitz



A painting by Perry Perez



"Cetti River Outlet," an acrylic painting by Ric Castro

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