

ART

UWP exhibitions push artistic boundaries

SOMERS — Two new solo shows at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Art Galleries feature artists known for large-scale installations and an experimental use of materials and processes. The public is invited to an exhibition open house and reception, and an opportunity to meet the visiting artists, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22.

"Sifting: A Collection of Work by Nirmal Raja" will be on view in the Fine Arts Gallery through Oct. 12. Originally from India, Nirmal Raja's multimedia artwork addresses her experience as a transplanted individual living between two cultures. Her UW-Parkside exhibition centers on Cloud Palace, a large-scale, immersive installation that reconfigures a 4th-century Sanskrit poem into a contemporary artistic idiom. Other works on view explore notions of time, rhythm, and music, language as both scripts and form, and embodied cultural memory. Raja is currently a mentor artist and chair of the artist in residence program at RedLine Milwaukee, a nonprofit arts and education incubator.

"I, Object," a solo show by Jared Patton Plock, will be on view in the Foundation Gallery through Oct. 20. The exhibition melds familiarity, incongruity and absurdity as the artist deconstructs upholstered living-room furniture, transforming the most banal of domestic forms into a massive floor-to-ceiling sculpture. In other works, found objects intermingle with manufactured marks to create abstract wall sculptures that hover between drawing, assemblage and

RAM exhibit features wearable art

RACINE — Racine Art Museum, 441 Main St., will present the exhibit "Sensory Overload: Clothing and the Body" Sept. 23 through Dec. 30.

"Sensory Overload: Clothing and the Body" features garments and adornment that tend to impede or extend the physicality of the human form. While wearable, this compelling work is more sculptural and concept-oriented than functional. These artists investigate dress as a direct connection between body and self, the individual and the world at large.

While very different in terms of design and construction, the work in "Sensory Overload" is related to the concurrent exhibition, "RAM Collects: Contemporary Art to Wear." This show debuts recent gifts of art to wear-clothing that is produced in unique or limited editions, is primarily handmade and reflects a particular aesthetic style.

Artists featured in "Sensory Overload" include Heejin Hwang (South Korea), Janice Jakielski (Massachusetts), Kelly Nye (Ohio), Rachel Timmins (Maryland), Kathleen Nowak Tucci (Alabama) and Yulie Urano (Missouri).

Racine Art Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.



"1Urano Cocoon," a silk piece by Yulie Urano.

Admission is \$5, and \$3 for students and seniors. There is no charge for ages 11 and younger. Free admission will be available to all from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 24 during Party on the Pavement.

Artists Gallery to host art demonstrations

RACINE — Artists Gallery, 401

sale in the gallery for October's First

FUNDRAISERS

Big Band era fundraiser is Oct. 9

RACINE — The annual fundraiser for the Senior Companion Program Inc. is a sentimental journey back to the Big Band era. It will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, at Infusino's Banquet Hall, 3201 Rapids Drive.

Live music will be provided by the Howard Schneider Variety Band. Pizza and salad will be served at the tables, and there will be a buffet of hors d'oeuvres and homemade desserts. A cash bar will be available. Raffles will be held. Raffle tickets cost \$1 each or six for \$5.

Tickets for the event cost \$20 (seats are not reserved). Tables of eight can be reserved for \$200. The reservation deadline is Oct. 1. Call 262-898-1941.

The Senior Companion Program is a sponsored ministry of the Racine Dominicans.

'Comedy for Kids' Sake' features comedian McGivern

KENOSHA — Big Brothers Big Sisters of Racine and Kenosha Counties will hold the "Comedy for Kids' Sake" fundraiser from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at Maplecrest Country Club, 9401 18th St. The event will feature well-known