



Cultures merge at MIAD in *Material Girls* exhibition, opening Gallery Night, July 22

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Summary: Three female artists explore their sense of adventure in this captivating, culture blending exhibition, on view in the Brooks Stevens Gallery, July 22 – Sept. 17, with an Opening Reception Summer Gallery Night, July 22, 5 – 9 p.m.

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MILWAUKEE... For artists international Sabin Aell, Nina Ghanbarzadeh and Nirmal Raja '08 (Painting) living between cultures is a way of life, influencing their lives, and their art. **These three female artists illustrate their sense of adventure and exploration in *Material Girls*, on view in the Brooks Stevens Gallery at the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, July 22 – September 17, with an Opening Reception on Summer Gallery Night, July 22, 5 – 9 p.m.**

Curated by Aell, Ghanbarzadeh and Raja, the exhibit illustrates their pasts through art, drawing from a tapestry of experiences stemming from living outside of their traditional cultures. Works are created using non-traditional materials, forming a visual collage that addresses the uncertain, the indescribable and the transcendental.

About the artists:

- **Aell**, originally from Austria, produces mixed media work, utilizing strange and unrelated materials to create visually interesting objects.
- **Ghanbarzadeh**, originally from Iran, transforms repetitive lines of text, utilizing various materials to create patterns and shapes, questioning the role of text and language in the search for a universal truth.
- **Raja**, originally from India, turns her fascination with memory, place and the subjective perception of time into works that combine conventional materials, indigenous practices and videos to create installations that toy with perception and illusion.

Material Girls is a tactile, colorful and experiential exhibition, pushing viewers to look deeper into the explorative artworks. The exhibition is on view in the Brooks Stevens Gallery, July 22 – September 17, with an Opening Reception on Summer Gallery Night, July 22, 5 – 9 p.m.

At the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, students driven to become creative professionals have the freedom to develop their talents beyond traditional boundaries while immersed in a transformative studio, academic and career-driven curriculum. On graduation, they join thousands of successful MIAD alumni whose talents are continuously in demand, and whose lifework is driven by the passion to inspire, problem solve and innovate for our economy and society.