

**STUDIO MONTCLAIR OPENS  
“NEXT IN LINE”  
AT THE SMI VIRGINIA S. BLOCK GALLERY**

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Studio Montclair (SMI) is pleased to announce “Next in Line,” an exhibit on view from **May 20 to August 12, 2011**, at the SMI Virginia S. Block Gallery. An opening reception will be held at the gallery in the Academy Square building (33 Plymouth St., Montclair, NJ) on **Friday, May 20, from 6 to 9 pm**. The gallery is open to the public 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday or by appointment

“**Next in Line**” features the work of Montclair High School graduating senior AP art students who plan to pursue careers in art fields. The show highlights the impressive skills and diversity of talents of these young people, who are literally “next in line” as emerging artists. Collectively they are students of art teachers Joanne Petrigliano and Stefanie Nagorka.

The show was curated by Gallery Director Virginia Schaffer Block and Assistant Director Karen Nielsen-Fried. The works chosen from each of the students highlight particular visual ideas the student seems to be exploring. In reviewing the volume of submissions, themes began to appear that connected the chosen pieces of work: from the purest essence of intense observation of mood and emotion and physical appearance, which is unique to adolescence, to the unrestrained celebration of aspects of the natural world. Dramatic flashes of red, moody swaths of darkness and shadows, dancing figures and brooding interior vignettes, tightly focused views of texture and decay and their earthy colors, and explosive sprays of saturated color—this is a rich and varied survey of the creative visions of the newest class of artists to graduate from MHS. The featured artists are Jordi Artigas, Anna Berlin, Gabi Dennis, Izzy Devine-Carter, Kayla Ephros, Rebecca Firkser, Faythe Hansen, Chelsea Jenkins, Rebecca Klein, Ian Langehough, Emma Mierop, Sean Mullins, Rebecca Yellin, and Julia Rachel Zeff.

**Studio Montclair Inc.** Studio Montclair Inc. is a non-profit organization of exhibiting professional and emerging artists and others interested in the visual arts. The mission of the organization is to promote culture and education in the visual arts.

This program is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts and administered by the Essex County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs.

**Listing Information About the Exhibit:**

**THE SMI VIRGINIA S. BLOCK GALLERY** – Second floor of the Academy Square building.

**“Next in Line: MHS Seniors Pursuing the Visual Arts”**

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NEXT IN LINE:



Ian Langehough

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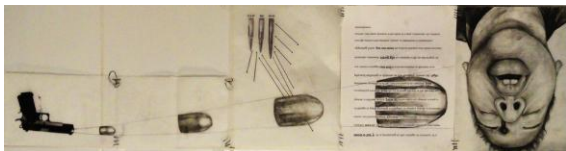
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