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Ferris Gallery to host ‘Body Image Project’

BIG RAPIDS – Art made from “body casting” will be featured in Larry Kirkwood’s “Body Image Project” on exhibit during April at Ferris State University’s Rankin Center Art Gallery.

The exhibition runs from April 5 through May 6. Viewing hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Admission is free and open to the public.

Kirkwood, an artist from Kansas City, uses his unique art form to display the natural human form. He began creating this technique as a way to express bodies aesthetically rather than sexually. The exhibit strives to present a more honest and healthy view of who persons really are physically.

The artist will visit campus during the first week of the exhibit to participate in workshops and lectures. These events are sponsored as part of the Speaker Series by Ferris’ Office of Student Leadership and Activities. Additional sponsorship was provided by the University’s Birkam Health Center.

Kirkwood will conduct a free public workshop on Tuesday, April 5, from noon to 9 p.m. hosted by the Rankin Art Gallery. Participants can make their own contribution to the exhibit. Kirkwood will present a free public lecture on Thursday, April 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Gallery. There will also be a slam poetry concert and reception with refreshments provided.