



Exhibit investigates morality

By **Hawa Sheikh-Adam**
Arts and Entertainment Editor

RCTC announces Jennifer Onofrio Fornes, the creator of "Within Without" as its opening exhibit of the school year.

This work displays the cultural use of spiritual memorial structures and is an investigation of morality. For example, Fornes's work features stupas, temples, and funerary urns.

"I work to create balance, movement, and symmetry in the sculpture through the hundreds of imperfectly hand-cut stacked, hollowed out, wood circles," Fornes said. "The repetitive nature of organizing, cutting, building, sanding, and finishing these circular forms functions as a form of meditation."

Fornes' statement is intriguing because this art exhibit has more than one meaning. One way that an observer can view the art sculptures is that they mean something spiritual and the actual process of creating the sculptures brings a form of peace and satisfaction. One can appreciate that Jennifer



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The RCTC Art Gallery's first exhibit of the year features Jennifer Onofrio Fornes, who is on the faculty at Augusta State University in Georgia, is the daughter of Rochester artist Judy Onofrio and retired Mayo Clinic physician Dr. Burton Onofrio.

is attempting to create art that reaches everyone, that it can play an important role for anyone willing to dig deep and feel a connection.

"I try to touch on the psychological, and spiritual

spaces we occupy rather than the physical," Fornes said.

An observer can view it as seeing the art through a different lens, such as the Freudian lens. For example, as ID is the primitive and instinctual part of the mind, the Super-Ego operates as a moral conscience, and Ego is the mediating line between the two which makes it the realistic part of one's mind.

"I am less concerned with communicating a physical likeness as much as conjuring less visible aspects of the subject," Fornes said.

This symbolizes that Fornes is showing that art is not only as something physical and spiritual to look at but also to make one feel emotional. With the black and white theme, she portrays that not everyone believes that things are only black and white, but there are more ways to feel something.

The "Within Without" exhibit is free and open to the public through Oct. 12. The RCTC Art Gallery is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Nursing honor society inducts 17 members

Echo staff report

Rochester Community and Technical College recently inducted 17 Associate Degree nursing students into the Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society.

The RCTC Alpha Delta Nu inductees include Christa Danae Clarey, Rochester; Cindy Le Dang, Rochester; Emily Anastasia Dick, St. Charles; Jessica Lynn Foster, Hayfield; Rachel Susan Goldsmith, Rochester; Bradley John Haugen Jr., Rochester; Lauren Marie Holland, Rochester; Jessica Lynn Jensen, Rochester; Angela Jeanine Martin, Rochester; Nicholas Michael Matti, Hayfield; Asha Kadar Osman, Rochester; Melissa Ann Passe, St. Charles; Rachel Ellen Rhody, Rochester; Laura Lee Schley, Rochester; Margaret Kelly Sciallis, Rochester; Jerrica Noel Stromberg, Rochester; Heather Rose Wirt, Lewiston.

"By strengthening professionalism, scholastic excellence, and caring intentionality in themselves, they help to ensure that their patients will receive safe, compassionate care in a culturally competent manner," said Elizabeth Wirt, nursing instructor and Alpha Delta Nu faculty adviser.

"These AD nursing students will use their professional knowledge and skill to ensure their patients gain the knowledge needed for personal health and safety," Wirt said.

RCTC nursing students who have volunteered to hold office in the present semester include President Rachel Rhody; Vice President Laura Larson; Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Dang; Liaison Officer Laura Schley; and Skills Lab/Mentor Coordinator Asha Osman.



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