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MU School of Visual Studies Art on the Move presents

Frenchtown hosts Art in Storefronts:

A walk up exhibition of student and alumni work from the School of Visual Studies

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St. Charles, MO – Students and alumni: Reese Betts (undergraduate student, Digital Storytelling), Marina Cano (graduate student, Fibers), Darreon Carbin (Undergraduate, Photography), Eliza Finck (alum, Painting), Lisa Franko (alum, Printmaking), Connor Frew (graduate student, Photography), and Grace Hemmerla (undergraduate student, Digital Storytelling) will present their work in Frenchtown, St. Charles in multiple storefronts, opening February 18 during the Mardi Gras parade and celebration. An Instagram live event with the artists will take place Saturday, February 25th at **1pm** via [@muartonthemove](https://www.instagram.com/muartonthemove).

This multi-storefront exhibit, a part of the *Art in Storefronts* initiative, is a walk-up exhibit designed to connect art works with communities throughout the state while reinvigorating commercial spaces affected by the economic downturn of the pandemic.

This exhibit is made possible by a University of Missouri program called Art on the Move (AOM) through the School of Visual Studies (SVS) in the College of Arts & Science. It provides real-life experiences for SVS students and alumni, providing hands-on professional career building opportunities by returning them to their Missouri hometowns or other Missouri communities to share their art and art careers. AOM also plays an instrumental role in recruiting the next generation of SVS students.

This Art on the Move event is supported by a strategic partnership between MU's School of Visual Studies, University of Missouri Extension, La Belle Vie / The Café at Frenchtown, Roses & Mint, Fierce Creative Agency, The Frenchtown Heritage Museum, the Bev Roy Hope Foundation, and Bike Stop Bakery.

The School of Visual Studies brings the academic resources of the University to communities across the state through collaborative engagements such as the Art on the Move Community Outreach Program that include MU students, faculty and alumni creating mutually beneficial learning outcomes with Missouri communities.

Established in 2017, the MU School of Visual Studies merges: art, art history, film studies, graphic design, and digital storytelling. This dynamic program aims to graduate future generations of outstanding critical thinkers, inventive problem solvers, and makers of conscientious, well-crafted art while preparing them for professional careers in the contemporary art world.

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