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New Alumni Print Directory

Alumnus guest artist in McClelland Art Gallery

Victor Issa '80 has devoted his life to making bronze sculpture come alive in displays around the country. His life-size and smaller bronze works have been on display since November 7 at the McClelland Art Gallery.

A renowned sculptor whose works are featured in numerous private collections and public displays across the country, Issa is the co-founder and president of the Loveland Sculpture Invitational Show and Sale, the largest sculpture show in the United States. Read more.

Phonathon Successful

Union College recently wrapped up another successful phonathon. Our outstanding student callers are resting their tired vocal cords and dialing fingers after raising $255,603 from 1,416 donors—$5,000 more than the phonathon goal and half way to the $500,000 goal for the Union College Fund. Thank you Susan Reiswig Haines '78, Ralph '87 and Kerrie Seltmann Schnell '87, Josh Huenergardt '01, and Lowell Hagele (former faculty) for sharing your memories and passion for Union College through your phonathon letters.
The Union College alumni office has partnered with Alumni Research Inc., to produce a new alumni print directory. This company will be calling alumni to collect updated address, degree and other information. We greatly appreciate your help with this project. If you have any questions please contact the alumni office at 402.486.2503 or alumni@ucollege.edu.

Campaign Update

In June 2011, Union College announced the public phase of the $14.5 million Our Promising Future capital campaign in support of a new science and mathematics facility. Since then, the campus has celebrated a ground blessing event in September during Parents Weekend in late September. Guests were treated to a picnic supper and invited to tour the site for the new building by walking painted lines representing exterior walls and examining floor plans and renderings.

The Union College advancement office continues to solicit gifts from alumni and friends. To date, the campaign has raised $11.6 million dollars. Ground breaking is set for Spring 2012, and students, faculty and staff eagerly anticipate this new addition to campus.

Click here to hear Dr. Frankie Rose, both an alumnus and a teacher, explain how the new facility will help him inspire students at Union College.

To find out more about the campaign contact the advancement office at 402.486.2503 or visit www.ucollege.edu/ourpromisingfuture.
Alumnus sculptor to show "living bronze"

Joellyn Sheehy, student writer

Victor Issa, a 1980 Union College graduate, has devoted his life to making bronze sculpture come alive in displays around the country. Now, from November 7 to 27, his life-size and smaller bronze works will be on display at the McClelland Art Gallery on the campus of Union College. Gallery visitors will also have an opportunity to meet the artist at a reception on Monday, November 7, at 7:00 p.m.

A renowned sculptor whose works are featured in numerous private collections and public displays across the country, Issa is the co-founder and president of the Loveland Sculpture Invitational Show and Sale, the largest sculpture show in the United States. Issa contributes to several private galleries in the western states and owns a workshop in Loveland, Colo., where visitors can observe the sculpting process.

Issa's ability to give an impression of vivacity in bronze has earned him the reputation for “creating living bronze” among fans and collectors. “It is a long and arduous process,” said Issa. “To create an artful form that appears alive demands many hundreds of hours of inspired and meticulous labor by both the sculptor and foundry artisans.” Yet despite the long hours of work, Issa describes creating living bronze as his passion. “I believe just as God found fulfillment in creating the human race, He endowed His creation with a similar need to express our joys, fears and hopes through the creative process.”

Among the works on display will be several of his more prominent life-size sculptures including “The Jester,” “Grandpa the Storyteller” and “Sports Buddies.”

Issa first came to Union College as an immigrant from Lebanon, took introductory English classes, and went on to graduate with a bachelor's degree in art education. While attending Union he received sculptural training at the University of Nebraska under Thomas Sheffield.

Issa has devoted much time and work to Union throughout the years. He has several permanent displays already dotting the campus and will bring more for the coming exhibition. “Ascension,” a bronze figure of a female dancer, and “Jester,” a life-size plaster bust of a larger work, both on display in Engel Hall, were presented to the college in 2005 in recognition and appreciation of his professors and influences at the college. Issa also created a bronze sculpture for the Peace Sculpture Garden in the Ortner Center, entitled “Prince of Peace,” and the current Golden Cords display, a bronze and cultured marble arrangement in the lobby of the Everett Dick Administration Building, which honors Union students and graduates who serve as missionaries.

Issa's connection to Union and Lincoln brings special significance to the exhibit. “I'm really looking forward to reconnecting with old friends and I hope my sculptures can be an inspiration on many levels to the community,” he said of his visit. “Through my work, I hope to uplift the soul by reflecting on the beautiful and the inspirational.”

The McClelland Art Gallery is located in the Ortner Center on the Union College campus at 3800 S. 48th Street. The gallery is free and open to the public daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Ortner Center at 402.486.2545.
The "Our Promising Future" campaign seeks to build a new math and science facility for Union College.
### Our Promising Future: a teacher's prospective on Vimeo

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