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DUKE ELLINGTON SCHOOL OF THE ARTS FEATURES *REWIND: ARTISTS COME HOME* ALUMNI EXHIBIT

Washington, DC—On Thursday, November 13, The Museum Studies Department of Duke Ellington School of the Arts offers to the general public a reception celebrating the opening of *Rewind: Artists Come Home*, an exhibition that features the art of Museum Studies department alumni.

The exhibition features 50 works of art that include paintings, photographs, and charcoal drawings by various recent Ellington alumni. In addition, the exhibit features the work of photographer and curator Hank Willis Thomas, who graduated from Ellington in 1994. Thomas' photography has been exhibited in a myriad of galleries and museums throughout the country, including the public collections of the Studio Museum in Harlem and the International Center of Photography in New York City.

"Museum Studies students are encouraged to nurture their creative side while mastering the theories and practices of museum work. As a result, they are prepared not only to be conservators and interpreters of art and culture, but they are trained to be artists in their own right," said founding chair of the Museum Studies Department Marta Reid Stewart.

"*Rewind: Artists Come Home* remembers the Museum Studies Department's mission to ensure that students are prepared to execute the methodical aspects of museum work. This work includes collection, registration, conservation, education, and exhibition, while providing creative outlets that nurture the whole person," said Geneva Tann, one of the exhibition's student curators. "And of course, it shows us, as students, that there is a future for us as artists—that people leave Ellington and succeed."

Opening Reception: Thursday, November 13, 2008

Time: 5:30-7:00pm

**Location: Duke Ellington School of the Arts, The Ellington Gallery
3500 R Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007**

Exhibition on view November 13, 2008- January 9, 2009

Gallery Hours: 9am- 5pm, Monday- Friday

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