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May 2016

Dear School of the Arts Alumni,

This year we celebrated the School of the Arts 50th Anniversary. We are thankful to those of you who shared your news and stories with us throughout this special year.

On May 18 we will honor our 2015 - 2016 graduates at the School of the Arts Celebration of Graduates. This year's guest speaker award-winning actor [Edie Falco](#). In addition to her best known roles in *The Sopranos* and *Nurse Jackie*, Falco has a slew of film and theatre credits, including starring in the 2011 Broadway revival of *House of Blue Leaves*, where she was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Featured Actress in a Play. You can [watch the full ceremony live](#) through our website, beginning at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, May 18.

In this month's newsletter, we spotlight Theatre alumna **Rebecca Lingafelter** ('05), who now lives in Portland, Oregon and works as a XXX.

At this year's [LA Film Festival](#), writer/director **Tanuj Chopra** ('06) screens *Chee and T* and writer/director **Luigi Campi** ('13), producers **Mayuran Tiruchelvam** ('13), **Andy Nguyen** ('13), **Ko-Rely Pi** ('14), **Andrew Hauser** ('12), **Gerry Kim** ('??) and **Rob Cristiano** ('13) premiere their film, *My First Kiss and The People Involved*.

We're thrilled that many of our alumni, across disciplines, participated in the [Lower Manhattan Cultural Council's](#) Workspace residency program this

past season, including **Tara Ahmadinejad** (Theatre '14), **Irini Miga** (Visual Arts '12), **Nadja Frank** (Visual Arts '11), **Esteban Cabeza de Baca** (Visual Arts '14), and **Rangi McNeil** (Writing '04).

Congratulations to the following alumni: Theatre Management alumnus **Andrew Donald** ('10) will begin his new role as Associate Artistic Director at [American Conservatory Theater](#) in July 2016. Writing alumni **Ashley Patronymak**'s ('12) essay was published in the latest issue of [Guernica Magazine](#) and **Margo Orlando Littell**'s ('04) first novel, *Each Vagabond by Name*, will be published in June by the University of New Orleans Press.

As always, the newsletter will be on hiatus in the summer, but we'll be back in touch this coming September.

We hope you have a great summer and please continue to be in touch! Share news and stories by emailing artsalum@columbia.edu and opportunities with fellow alumni and current students by emailing arc@columbia.edu.

Sincerely,

Laila Maher
Associate Dean, Alumni and Student Affairs

Events



THEATRE | PLAYWRITING FESTIVAL **Columbia New Plays Festival**

Wed, Apr 20-Sun, May 15
Ford Foundation Studio Theatre
The Pershing Square Signature Center
480 West 42nd Street

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VISUAL ARTS | EXHIBITION

2016 MFA Thesis Exhibition

Mon, April 25-Mon, May 16, 2016, 12-5 pm

Reception: Sunday, April 24, 2016, 2-5 pm

Fisher Landau Center for Art
38-27 30th St, Long Island City

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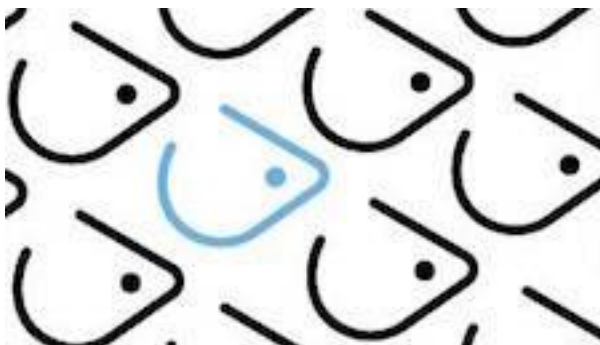
VISUAL ARTS | EXHIBITION

Undergraduate Visual Arts Senior Thesis Exhibition II

Tues-Fri, May 10-13, 2016

The LeRoy Neiman Gallery
310 Dodge Hall

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WRITING | JOURNAL LAUNCH PARTY

Columbia Journal Issue 54 Launch Party

Thurs, May 12, 7 pm

4th floor, Dodge Hall

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News



Interdisciplinary

Edie Falco, the award-winning actress best known for her roles in *The Sopranos* and *Nurse Jackie*, will be the speaker at the Celebration of Graduates on Wednesday, May 18, 2016. [More](#)



Film

Elizabeth Wood '13 has sold her first feature film, *White Girl*, to Netflix and FilmRise shortly after its world premiere at the Sundance Film Festival. [More](#)



Film

The Columbia University Film Festival's 16th annual Andrew Sarris Award will be presented to **Annemarie Jacir '02**, an alumna of Columbia University School of the Arts Film Program. [More](#)



Theatre

Gisela Cardenas '04 has been selected by HERE Arts Center as one of 15 artists to participate in its HERE Artist Residency Program (HARP). [More](#)



Theatre

Rachel Chavkin '08 will be bringing *Small Mouth Sounds* by Bess Wohl back to New York after a successful run at Ars Nova last year. [More](#)

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