LOWELL, Mass. - The UMass Lowell Department of Art & Design is pleased to announce an exhibition of ink on mylar paintings by Katina Huston. Rubber and Road will be open from Sept. 6 - Oct. 12, 2017. Katina Huston will present a lecture to the public on Tues., Sept. 19 at 3:30 p.m. in the O’Leary Library, rm. 222 on South Campus. A reception for the artist will follow afterwards from 5-6:30 p.m. in the University Gallery in Mahoney Hall, a short walk from the library. Thematically, much of the subject matter in this work revolves around bicycle wheels and has been chosen to coincide with the Lowell Kinetic Sculpture Race on September 23rd. These events are free, wheelchair accessible, and open to all.

Katina Huston chases shadows, rendering form and abstraction in pools and puddles of ink. These large scale ink-on-mylar paintings capture light as it passes through bicycle wheels, botanical forms, and glass to create poetic and musical imaginings that captivate the eye. Kenneth Baker writes that Huston has “...piled up shadows cast by bicycles to create pictorial structures that wink with the recognizable details but finally force the eye to surrender to their sheer graphic brilliance.” The depth of experimentation with form and materials reveals and showcases Huston’s long term exploration of light and shadow; form and dissolution.

Huston’s work has been shown regularly from coast to coast and she is currently represented by the Chase Young Gallery in Boston, MA and the Wally Workman Gallery in Austin, TX. Her work is in the Charles Schwab Collection in San Francisco, the Steve Wynn Collection in Las Vegas, The San Francisco Fine Art Museums, the Dolby Studios Collection of San Francisco, Chase International of New York, Yale University Art Gallery of New Haven, CT, and Address Dubai in Dubai, UAE. Selected residencies include the Headlands Center for the Arts, and the Sam and Adele Golden Foundation for the Arts Visiting Artist program.

The University Gallery is accessible to all. Gallery events are free and open to the public. Parking is available in the Wilder Metered Lot, located at the intersection of Wilder Street and Bachelor Street. The entrance to the lot is located on Bachelor Street. After 4 p.m., visitors may park in any open campus lot.

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