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The Crucible's Cathedral Gallery of Art Announces:

METALWOOD vs. WOODMETAL

Opening Reception Thursday, January 21, 2010 6-9PM

The Crucible's art gallery in Oakland's historic Cathedral Building, at the triangle between Broadway and Telegraph Avenues, announces its first exhibition of the new year. "*Metal vs. Wood/ Wood vs. Metal*" is a group exhibition "showdown" featuring new works of art of metal and/or wood.

Both media are rooted in tradition and history, and have been utilized for their material qualities for millennia, yet contemporary artists tend to gravitate towards working with one or the other. Encompassing a diversity of techniques, such as joinery, carving, turning, welding, forging, pouring, and machining, *Metal vs. Wood* showcases work that pushes the boundaries of what these materials have to offer.

Selected Bay Area artists creating functional or sculptural works from metal and/or wood, will be exhibiting together from January 21st through March 5th at the Crucible's Cathedral Gallery located at 1603 Broadway in Downtown Oakland. Exhibit Opening Reception is January 21, 2010, from 6-9PM. Exhibiting artists include: Ben Carpenter, Patricia Chavez, Tory Fink, Jason Hickey, Sabrina Fadiel, Liz Judkins, Edward Clapp, Marcus Papay, Laurel Roth, and more. For more details visit www.thecrucible.org/gallery/320

For over ten years, The Crucible has provided the Bay Area with space and resources for unique learning and collaborative experiences, and has produced some of the most stunning theatrical events seen in the Bay Area. The Crucible promotes creative expression, reuse of materials, and innovative design while serving as an accessible and highly visible arts venue for the general public. And now, they're making art even more accessible to visitors and denizens of Oakland's Uptown area.

As the revitalization of the Uptown area draws more and more people to explore new restaurants, shops and events in this neighborhood, The Crucible's Cathedral Gallery provides a compelling and welcoming site for visitors and those working in downtown Oakland. Great art is visible from the street and sidewalk through windows on three sides of the gallery 24/7; the gallery is staffed every Monday through Friday from 11 AM to 2PM, 6-9PM on 1st Fridays, and by appointment.

About The Crucible

The Crucible is a non-profit arts education center that fosters a collaboration of arts, industry, and community by teaching and showcasing fire, metal, glass, and light art. Founded in 1999, The Crucible currently offers more than 700 classes to nearly 5,000 students annually in everything from bronze casting to neon, welding to glass working, blacksmithing to fire dancing, textiles to woodworking. Visit our website for more information and inspiration: www.thecrucible.org.