Office of Academic Affairs

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To: All Faculty and Students
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Subject: Student Performance Pieces/Graffiti

As we begin another semester, please let this serve as a reminder of MICA’s policies regarding performances pieces and graffiti. While we fully support a student’s right to artistic expression and recognize the merits of performance art, we cannot stress enough the importance of compliance with MICA policies in order to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for everyone.

**Performance Pieces**
Students are required to comply with all MICA policies regarding drugs and alcohol, weapons, explosives and other hazardous material. This includes but is not limited to:

- Setting off fireworks, explosives or any similar device in or on MICA property
- Displaying or using of a knife, gun or other weapon
- Possession or use of illegal drugs (including alcohol if under 21)
- Exposing others to blood, urine, feces, chemicals, or other hazardous materials. This is considered an unsafe practice for both artist and classmates and is **not** acceptable.

Any performance piece that may cause disruptions to the public, or to a class or administrative office must receive prior approval from the Office of Academic Affairs.

**Graffiti**
Graffiti and defacement of MICA buildings, public and private property is not considered artwork, and violators will be subject to disciplinary action. Please refer to the 2005-06 Academic Bulletin for more information regarding this policy.

Although some forms of “graffiti art” have gained recognition as a viable form of artistic expression, the College considers defacement of public or private property to be vandalism, not artwork. MICA provides students with the resources and support to seek appropriate permission to create works of art in the public realm. As a community of artists and an institution dedicated to the preservation of the aesthetic environment, the College is strongly opposed to graffiti and other forms of vandalism.