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Minneapolis College of Art and Design Participates in Marriage Event at Minneapolis City Hall

JULY 25, 2013—Minneapolis, MN—The Minneapolis College of Art and Design is pleased to participate in the marriage event for same-sex couples at the Minneapolis City Hall on August 1, 2013. Mayor R.T. Rybak will preside over the first official weddings and celebrate in the enactment of civil marriage equality in Minnesota. As part of this community celebration, MCAD students, alumni, and faculty have designed commemorative serigraphs to mark the occasion.

Starting at 1:00 a.m. on August 1, Mayor Rybak will begin officiating weddings for roughly forty Minnesota same-sex couples who now will be eligible to marry under the legislation passed this spring by the Minnesota State Legislature and signed into law by Governor Mark Dayton.

MCAD artists have created three commemorative designs that will be presented to the newlyweds. Each serigraph is hand-printed, numbered, and signed by the artist. This limited-edition run of 500 prints will be given away during the festivities at city hall. Each couple will be presented the print of their choice as a wedding gift. Family members, friends, and well-wishers at the event are also welcome to take a commemorative print.

“MCAD is proud to celebrate the freedom of all Minnesotans to marry,” stated college president Jay Coogan. “We wish the happy couples all the best and are thrilled to be a part of this historic occasion,” he added.

“For the couples who will finally be able to marry, August 1 will be a very special day—and for the rest of Minneapolis, August 1 will be a labor of love as we rally to wrap our arms around them,” said Mayor R.T. Rybak. “I’m so pleased that MCAD students, alumni and faculty are donating these beautiful serigraphs to commemorate this historic day. MCAD’s generosity, along with so many generous donations being offered that day, goes to show that no matter whom you love, there’s no better or more creative city to express your love and get married than Minneapolis.”

MCAD artists participating in the project include Christopher Alday '13, MCAD faculty member Diana Eicher, Kara Faye Gregory '14, and Ben Proell '13.

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Recognized nationally and internationally for its innovative and interdisciplinary approaches to visual arts education, the Minneapolis College of Art and Design is home to more than 700 students pursuing bachelor of fine arts, bachelor of science, master of arts, or master of fine arts degrees.

MCAD’s faculty are leaders in the art and design community, guiding and inspiring students to produce creative and purposeful work that distinguishes them in their fields and fuels the entrepreneurial economy.