EPHEMERAL INK: SELECTIONS OF TATTOO ART FROM THE KINSEY INSTITUTE COLLECTIONS

ON DISPLAY IN MARIAN GALLERY--Indianapolis

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Indianapolis, Indiana—The Marian University Art Gallery will display images of tattoo art from the Kinsey Institute in an exhibit that will run February 20th-March 23rd. A lecture about the exhibit will be held in Peine Theater in Fisher Hall on February 24th at 3 p.m. A reception will follow in the nearby gallery until 6:00 p.m.

Ephemeral Ink features images of tattoos and tattooing from the beginning of the twentieth century through the twenty-first. Drawing from the art collection of The Kinsey Institute, the exhibit gives viewers a glimpse into the evolution of tattooing style and technique over the course of a hundred years.

People from many walks of life and of all ages have had their bodies marked with needle and ink, for both personal and professional reasons. These marks change through time as bodies age, inks change, and tattoos are added to, covered up, or otherwise altered. Vintage and contemporary photographs in Ephemeral Ink allow us to see people’s tattoos at a particular moment in their lives. Materials in the show include flash art, images of tattoos by notable artists Les Skuse and Bert Grimm, and photographs by anonymous and known fine art photographers, including Michael Grecco, Jess T. Dugan, Chas Ray Krider, and George Platt Lynes.

Amy Tims, a classicist and historian by training, curated the exhibit. She will be speaking along with Catherine Johnson-Roehr, who is the Curator of Art, Artifacts, and Photographs at The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction.

The Talbot Street Art Fair, Inc. generously funded this exhibit.

The Marian University Art Gallery is located on the first floor of Fisher Hall. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, although appointments at later times are welcome. Please contact Gallery Director Jenny Pauckner at jpauckner@marian.edu with any inquiries.

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