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## **Experiment in sculpture results in artist rediscovering fun in art** *Michal Manson's Idolatry marked with a sense of unpredictability and playfulness*

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WATERLOO – The Robert Langen Art Gallery will host an opening reception for an exhibition of sculpture entitled *Idolatry* from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31. Artist Michal Manson will attend to discuss the exhibition, on display from March 30 to April 24.

Manson decided to experiment with sculpture, a medium that is more sensitive, temperamental, durable and heavier than her usual media of paint and illustration. The result is a series of pieces where the finished product is somewhat unpredictable and ones that helped Manson re-discover the fun in art.

“I had forgotten that art is really about playing, and I appreciate that fact that I have completely dismissed ‘meaning,’ other than what the viewer discovers,” said Manson. “The regeneration of imagination is a true gift.”

In 35 years as an artist, Manson has had 22 solo exhibitions, including shows at the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery, the Puchinello Gallery in Toronto and the Chimera Gallery in Salem.

As Wilfrid Laurier’s visual arts centre since 1989, the Robert Langen Art Gallery provides knowledge, stewardship, appreciation and enjoyment of Canadian art and culture to the local community. The gallery is located in the John Aird Centre and is open noon to 5 p.m. from Tuesdays to Saturdays. Admission is free.

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