

## **The *Canoe* is Launched**

Syracuse University is proud to announce the launch of the inaugural issue of the *Stone Canoe*, an arts journal published by University College. The public is invited to the opening exhibit of artwork featured in the publication beginning March 1 at the Delavan Art Gallery, 501 West Fayette Street, Syracuse. The exhibit will run until March 31.

*Stone Canoe* is an annual publication that showcases the work of a broad spectrum of writers and visual artists with connections to Upstate New York. The journal represents remarkable diversity in every aspect. Contributions range from Pulitzer Prize winners to emerging artists and writers of all ages and walks of life. The result is a fascinating mix of topics and points of view, and a testament to the cultural and intellectual richness of life in the region. *Stone Canoe* takes its name from the ancient story of the Peacemaker, who brought the message of peace to the warring tribes of the Finger Lakes and founded the Haudenosaunee Confederacy on the shores of Syracuse's Onondaga Lake.

A journey through the *Stone Canoe* will provide readers with a glimpse of the life, history and culture of Upstate New York – from the Native American settlers of our region in the 1700s to the Underground Railroad and the Erie Canal in the 1800s. The interpretations through art and literature span two centuries and profile current events such as an exploration into the life of John Jamelske and a day at the New York State Fair.

The journal is the collaborative effort of many, including talented Syracuse University staff and faculty, community partners, arts organizations, and friends in schools and colleges. While contributors are a mix of ages, races, levels of experience, and cultural backgrounds, they have one common characteristic – the love of and commitment to their craft. *Stone Canoe* is a compelling blend of artistic genres that interestingly portray the artists' connection to Upstate New York.

For more information about the *Stone Canoe*, visit [www.stonecanoejournal.org](http://www.stonecanoejournal.org).