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**Pratt Fine Arts Center Presents *Pratt's Pulse***  
**An Exhibition of Instructor of the Year Award Recipients**  
**at Pratt Gallery at Tashiro Kaplan Studios**

Each year, Pratt Fine Arts Center gives six Instructor of the Year awards in recognition of their hard work and contribution. The following award winning instructors from the jewelry, sculpture, print and glass departments are awarded year-long recognition, a free class at Pratt and an opportunity to exhibit their work in the *Pratt's Pulse* Exhibition.

**What: Pratt's Pulse Exhibition**

**Where: Pratt Gallery at Tashiro Kaplan Studios, 306 S Washington St, Suite 102, Seattle**

**When: October 1 - 30, 2009**

**Opening: First Thursday, October 1, 6 - 8pm**

**Gallery Hours: Fridays and Saturdays, 12 - 5pm and by appointment**

**Julia Hensley** (Painting) Julia Hensley received a BFA from Boston University. She has taught drawing and painting to adults since 1999 at Kirkland Arts Center, North Seattle Community College and Pratt Fine Arts Center. Julia is currently represented by the Paul Thiebaud Gallery in San Francisco.

**Robin Oakes** (Warm glass) Robin Oakes received a BA from Washington State University. She has been working with stained glass since the 1980s and was introduced to glassblowing in 1995. Robin has worked for a local glass fusing company and maintains a studio in her home. She teaches fusing classes at Pratt.

**Leana Quade** (Hot glass) Leana Quade received a BFA from the Cleveland Institute of Art. She has studied at Haystack and Penland School of Crafts and was a fellow at the Vrij Glas Foundation in Holland. Leana has taught in Cleveland and worked as a teaching assistant at Penland and Pilchuck Glass School.

**Amy Reeves** (Jewelry) Amy Reeves received a BFA from the University of Washington. She has studied with Andy Cooperman, Virginia Causey and Maria Phillips, among others. Her work has been published in Art Jewelry and Metalsmith magazines and Lark Books' 500 Bracelets.

**Mark Walker** (Sculpture) Mark Walker received an MFA from the University of Washington. He has taught 3D design and tool-making classes at Bellevue Community College and sculpture and drawing at Mount Lake Terrace High School. Mark casts bronze at RockNob Studio in Enumclaw, WA and his work is exhibited locally.

**Rickie Wolfe** (Print) Rickie Wolfe received a BFA in Printmaking and Painting from Cornish College of the Arts. Pratt's Print Studio Coordinator, her work has been exhibited in galleries around Seattle as well as SAM Rental/Sales Gallery and at Fresh Paint Art in Los Angeles.

The Pratt Gallery at Tashiro Kaplan Studios showcases the artwork of its instructors, students and renters, demonstrating the quality, strength and range of talent that is cultivated and made possible by programs offered at Pratt Fine Arts Center.

Since 1976, Pratt Fine Arts Center has offered art classes for everyone and workspace for artists in its equipment-rich facilities in Seattle's Central District. Pratt serves 3,400 students each year and more than 500 working artists use Pratt's affordable studios and equipment.

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