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Milwaukee Arts Board Recognizes Outstanding Artists of the Year

The Milwaukee Arts Board will honor the recipients of its Outstanding Artists of the Year award on Tuesday, March 9, 2010. Awards of \$1,500 will be presented to **Yevgeniya Kaganovich**, associate professor in the Visual Art Department at UW-Milwaukee, and **John Ruebartsch**, Riverwest photographer and documentary film producer.

The award program and reception will take place at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Grand Avenue Club – Gallery Grand, 604 N. Water St. **Media coverage is invited.**

Alderman Michael J. Murphy, chair of the Arts Board, said the board was pleased to again recognize two individuals who embody the deep well of artistic talent that Milwaukee is so fortunate to have. “Professor Kaganovich and John Ruebartsch are both passionate in their artistic pursuits and are known nationally and internationally for their work,” he said. “We are very lucky to have their creative, mind and soul-enriching work touch our lives, and to count them as fellow citizens of the City of Milwaukee.”

Yevgeniya Kaganovich, associate professor, Visual Art Department, UWM

At UWM, Kaganovich heads the thriving Jewelry and Metalsmithing Area, which was featured in *Art Jewelry* magazine in 2009. She received her master’s of fine arts from the State University of New York at New Paltz and her bachelor’s of fine arts in metal/jewelry from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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Kaganovich has been an active art practitioner since 1992, exhibiting her work nationally and internationally. Her work has received a number of awards and has been published widely. Her work will be featured in upcoming shows at the Miami University Art Museum in Oxford, Ohio, at the Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas, and in a solo exhibition in Brookfield at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts.

John Ruebartsch, Riverwest photographer and documentary film producer

Ruebartsch, who lives in the Riverwest neighborhood, is a professional photographer and documentary film producer who was born in Germany, grew up in San Francisco, and has resided in Milwaukee for the past 20 years. He has a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from San Francisco State University, and a master's of social work degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

He began his career in 1990 as an artist and editorial photographer. In 2001 he co-produced the film "*Voices of the Sierra Tarahumara*," which was shown at that year's Sundance Film Festival.

Among his other works is a kids' tour guide – "All Around Milwaukee" – written by students from 30 different schools in the Milwaukee area and published by the Creative Sharp Literacy Program.

Ruebartsch recently completed another documentary film about the life and legacy of the Minnesota conservationist Ernest Oberholtzer, which will be shown on Public Television this year.

The Milwaukee Arts Board has recognized Artists of The Year since 1995. Past recipients include: Dinorah Marquez, C. Michael Wright, Lee Erickson, Ruth Schudson & Monty Davis, Sarah Price, Jason Yi, Marie Kohler, Ray Chi, JoAnna Poehlmann, Raoul Deal, Berkeley Fudge, Mark Bucher, Kevin Stalheim, Marina Lee Meyer, Ferne Yangyeitie Caulker, James & Rose Pickering, Reynaldo Hernandez, Jill Sebastian, Terese Agnew, and John Schneider.