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### **Tom Hébert Featured at Hans Weiss New Space Gallery**

**Willimantic, Conn.** — Artist Tom Hébert's work, *Box of Balls*, will be featured at the Hans Weiss New Space Gallery located in the Arts, Sciences and Technology Center of Manchester Community College in Manchester, CT. *Box of Balls* will be included in the exhibition "The Toy Show," which will take place from Feb. 7-March 12, 2008. Hébert is also an adjunct instructor at Eastern Connecticut State University.

"The Toy Show" examines the psychological aspects of toys and how they impact people's perceptions of loss, pleasure, power, aggression and memory. Hébert's piece, *Box of Balls*, is constructed out of paper, crayon, Masonite and wood.

Hébert graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1974 with a BFA and in 1995 received a Master of Science degree in Art Education from Central Connecticut State University. Hébert has received numerous awards for his artwork, including first prize from the Connecticut Academy Show; the Individual Artist Grant in Painting from the Pollock-Krasner Foundation in New York City; and the Sculpture Grant from the

Connecticut Commission on the Arts and the Rothenbiller Scholarship, where he was an artist in residence at Gesamthochschule Universitat in Kassel, Germany. Hébert has had his work displayed in many galleries, including Trinity College in Hartford, the Casey-Greene Gallery in Willimantic, the Promenade Gallery at the Bushnell Theater in Hartford, Manchester Community College in Manchester, and the Akus Gallery at Eastern Connecticut State University.

“The Toy Show” also presents work from Melanie Vote, Mark Williams, Bradley Dean Wollman, Tim Doherty, Cathy McClure, Chris Hausbeck and Peter Edwards. The opening reception for the exhibit will be held on Thursday, Feb. 7 at 6 p.m.

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