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ASU art students heat up for iron pour

The Albany State University Department of Fine Arts and the Visual Fine Arts Learning Community will have its first iron pour at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, outside the L. Orene Hall Building on the ASU campus.

ASU students and the local community will have an opportunity to experience the art of melting scrap iron at 3,000 degrees and casting the molten metal into a mold.

Assisting with the pouring will be visiting artists Steven Torres, owner of Millstreet Casting Co. in Tallahassee; Ira Hill, assistant director of Florida State University's Master Craftsman Program and Studios; Tallahassee sculptor Cassia Reimer; and Jeremy Colbert, facilities specialist at the University of Kentucky.

Scott Marini, ASU assistant professor of art, said he feels the event is very important to everyone in the Albany area.

"It gives the Fine Arts students, the Albany State University community and the Albany community the opportunity to see the process of making cast metal sculptures," he said.

Marini also said that with this experience, the students will learn the importance of team effort and collaboration.

"This is a great opportunity for the students to see the process of casting metal," he said. "The students will also be able to participate and help the visiting artists, thus creating a hands-on environment."

For more information on the iron pour, contact Marini at 430-4848 or scott.marini@asurams.edu.