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**“CELEBRATING THE STUDIO FELLOWSHIP”**

Opening Reception: Friday, February 19, 2010, 5 – 7 p.m.

Exhibition Dates: February 19 – April 2, 2010

ROCKPORT, ME – “Celebrating the Studio Fellowship” opens at the Messler Gallery of the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship in Rockport, Maine on Friday, February 19, 2010. The opening reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. and the public is warmly invited to attend.

All of the work on display—which includes everything from fine furniture and to abstract sculpture—has been created by current and former participants in the Center’s Studio Fellowship program. “This is adventurous, fresh work from emerging makers with impressive talent and drive,” says Peter Korn, the Center’s Executive Director. Exhibitors include Aaron Fedarko, Reed Hansuld, Tyler Killian, Brandon Kimble, Yuri Kobayashi, Chloris Lowe, Mason McBrien, Tim Nuanes, Riccardo Ramirez, Brian Reid, Libby Schrum, and Vince Scully.

The Studio Fellowship program is an incubator for emerging furniture makers and wood artists. Six fellows at a time share free workshop space in the Center’s Jackson Building for terms ranging from a month to a year. Their primary responsibility is exploring new work, as the exhibition makes abundantly evident. Yuri Kobayashi, a former fellow who teaches at the Rhode Island School of Design, says, “At the Center I found heartfelt and enthusiastic support for the importance of craft and the sharing of its traditions. The message was: Be ambitious, push your skills, and take them out into the world.”

This exhibition runs through April 2, 2010. Messler Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. The Messler Gallery is located on the campus of the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship, at the corner of Route 90 and Mill Street in Rockport, Maine. The exhibition can also be viewed on the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship’s website, [www.woodschoo.org](http://www.woodschoo.org), after February 20, 2010.

The Center for Furniture Craftsmanship is a nonprofit, year-round school that offers courses in furniture making and related arts such as carving and woodturning. For more information, please call 207-594-5611 or e-mail [cfc@woodschoo.org](mailto:cfc@woodschoo.org).