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GALLERY

The Emotional Body

Group exhibit juried by artist Elzbieta (Elka) Kazmierczak

Opening Reception: Fri., May 1, 6-9 p.m.

CHICAGO – Woman Made Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of its new juried group show, *The Emotional Body*. The exhibition theme yielded an overwhelming response with more than 250 entries from which to choose. Works include painting, sculpture, drawing, photography, installation and mixed media by 35 women. All the works share in common a portrayal of *The Emotional Body*, a woman's journey in search of the boundaries of body, personality, and strength. The works broadly interpret and render "the body" expressively, relying on compositional and figurative dramatizations.

Exhibition Juror

Elzbieta (Elka) Kazmierczak

Kazmierczak is a printmaker, book artist, and designer who emigrated from Poland in 1990. She is a fellow of the Polish Ministry of Culture and Art (1987/88). For seven years she was Head of the Illustration Program at the University at Buffalo, NY. She is currently studying for a doctorate in Art Education at the University of Illinois.

Kazmierczak is interested in using creativity for empowerment of women. She has founded Art for Empowerment program at The Women's Center (Carbondale, IL) for survivors of violence and organized exhibitions of survivors' art. She has also published a book *Art of Survival: Women, Healing, and the Arts*, available at www.art4e.org. For more on the artist, visit www.elkadesigns.com.



Nicoletta Braccioni: *Cry*
oil on paper, 23.75 x 18.75 inches

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Artists

Juliet Araujo, Nicoletta Braccioni, Fran Bull, Luanne Burke, Emily Cameron, Kira Campbell, Kimberly Carroll-Raber, Laura Cerf-Dahl, Esther Charbit, Irene Chendra, Cécile Comblen, Judy Cooperman, Heather Doyle-Maier, Iwona Duszek, Dena Eber, Mary Rachel Fanning, Sarah Gabel, Tina Garcia, Carolyn Halliday, Beata Rafflewska Jacobs, JoAnna Johnson, Amber Johnston, Catherine Kirkpatrick, Angela Lee, Shin Lim, Kim Maurer, Ruth Aizuss Migdal, Dora Natella, Meg Oakley, Yoonshin Park, Carrie Porter, Marci Rubin, W.F. Weill, Pamela Zimmerman, Cynthia Zordich

ALSO AT THE GALLERY:

Solo Show: **The Emotional Body** by Elzbieta (Elka) Kazmierczak

Group Show: **The Art of Healing** artworks from the Collection of Jean Cozier

Solo Show: **Intimate Distance** by Lily Mayfield

Artisan Gallery: **Physicality**

Woman Made Gallery

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Website: www.womanmade.org

Gallery Hours: Wed-Fri noon-7 p.m. / Sat-Sun noon-4 p.m. / Admission: Free

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