



March 2014

Alum Jared Leto Wins Oscar for 'Dallas Buyers Club'

Former UArts Painting major **Jared Leto '93** was named Best Supporting Actor for his role in "Dallas Buyers Club" at the 86th annual Academy Awards, held March 2 in Los Angeles. He adds the Oscar statuette to his recent Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild wins for his indelible portrayal of Rayon, a transgender woman dying of AIDS. The actor, musician, singer and songwriter, who dropped 40 pounds to play the award-winning role, has also starred in numerous other productions, including "My So-Called Life," "How to Make an American Quilt," "Girl, Interrupted," "Requiem for a Dream" and "American Psycho." Leto is also the lead vocalist and main songwriter for Thirty Seconds to Mars, a rock band he formed in 1998 with his brother, Shannon Leto.



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Top: Jared Leto accepts his Oscar Award; Above right: Leto (left) and co-star Matthew McConaughey in "Dallas Buyers Club."

Art Unleashed to Feature Alumni/Faculty Book Sale

This year marks the fifth anniversary of [Art Unleashed](#), the University's largest fundraiser. Set for April 9 - 15 in Hamilton Hall, this exciting event raises funds to support scholarships for young artists with a sale and exhibition of artwork in all media from talented students, faculty and alumni. In addition to spotlighting the work of jeweler **Hratch Babikian BFA '83 (Jewelry)** and fine artist **Dorothy (Dotty) Attie BFA '59 (Art Education)**, Art Unleashed 2014 will also include a book sale on Saturday, April 12, featuring the work of alumni and faculty authors.

If you have published a book and would like to have your work featured and available for purchase, please e-mail **Susie Oudshoorn** at soudshoorn@uarts.edu by March 22 with your name, class year/major and title of your work(s). Books submitted for consideration will be accepted at the discretion of the University. All proceeds from sold books will benefit scholarships at UArts.

Preview Party

April 9

6 - 8pm

Valet Parking

Admission Charge

[Get tickets >>](#)


Public Sale

April 10 - 15

12 - 5pm

Free Admission

4.9
— 4.15



Graphic Design Alumni Awarded 2014 AIGA Medal

Ken Carbone BFA '73 (Graphic Design) and **Leslie Smolan BFA '75 (Graphic Design)**, founding partners of the renowned design firm [Carbone Smolan Agency](#) (CSA), have been awarded the prestigious [AIGA Medal](#), the highest honor of the design profession. "I am thrilled and humbled to be included in such an esteemed group of design heroes, mentors and friends," said Carbone, who is also CSA's chief creative director. "It is a career milestone that recognizes decades of hard work. And, to share this moment with Leslie makes the medal even more memorable." The 2014 AIGA Medals will be presented on April 25 at the AIGA Centennial Gala in New York City.



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Student-Run Record Label 4 Pillars Music Releases First Single

UArts' student-run record label 4 Pillars Music Group has released its first single, a

re-imagined version of the R&B classic "I Only Have Eyes for You" titled "Eyes 4 U." The song, which Philadelphia radio station WXPB featured as a special Valentine's Day "download of the day," was arranged and recorded by alumna **Kate Faust BM '11 (Vocal Performance)** [right]. 4 Pillars Music is the latest project launched by students in the University's [Music Business, Entrepreneurship & Technology program](#), along with the 4 Pillars marketing agency, WRTZ online radio and other endeavors.



[Download "Eyes 4 U" >>](#)

Inaugural Borowsky Prize in Glass Arts Awarded to Helen Lee

The inaugural Irvin Borowsky Prize in Glass Arts has been awarded to artist, designer, educator and glassblower **Helen Lee**. The \$5,000 award is given to an artist whose vision and skills are advancing contemporary glass art and is made possible by a substantial gift from University of the Arts Trustee **Irvin J. Borowsky** and his wife, **Laurie Wagman**. As part of the prize, Lee will present a special lecture at UArts on March 26.



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Right: "Obfuscated Pangram."

BBQ Restaurants Earn Alum James Beard Award Nomination

Dan Delaney BFA '08 (Multimedia) [now Design, Art & Technology], owner of the hot New York City restaurants [BrisketTown](#) and [SmokeLine](#), was named a semi-finalist in the prestigious [James Beard Awards](#) in the Rising Star Chef category. The awards are the highest honor for food and beverage professionals working in North America. Winners will be announced at the 2014 ceremony being held in New York City on May 2 and 5. Delaney, an aficionado of Central Texas-style barbeque, opened his hugely successful BrisketTown restaurant in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, in 2012, followed in 2013 by his Manhattan location, SmokeLine, on the High Line in Chelsea.



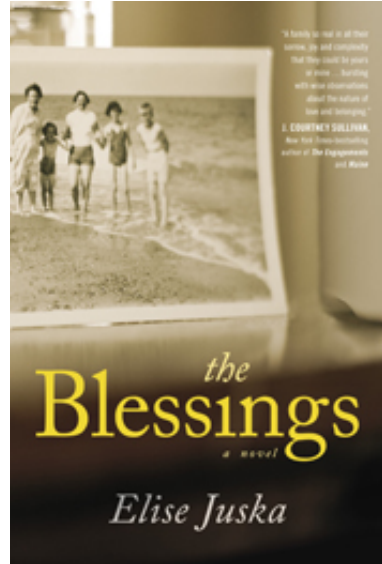
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Professor's Novel Named B&N 'Discover Great New Writers' Selection

The Blessings by Liberal Arts Associate Professor and Creative Writing Program Director **Elise Juska** has been named a Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers selection for Summer 2014. Juska's latest novel, which will be released on May 6 from Grand Central Publishing, has received advanced praise from several award-winning authors, as well as a starred review in *Publisher's Weekly*, which lauds the author for making the Blessings family "come beautifully to life in a deceptively simple tale" and bringing "a depth of understanding to the human condition."

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[Read the *Publisher's Weekly* review >>](#)



Cynthia Nourse Thompson Named Director of 2 MFA Programs

The University of the Arts has appointed **Cynthia Nourse Thompson** (right) as director of the MFA programs in [Book Arts/Printmaking](#) and [Studio Art](#). She will begin her new role on June 1, 2014. Thompson joins UArts from the University of Arkansas, where she is currently curator and director of exhibitions as well as an associate professor.

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