WELLS COLLEGE PRESENTS "WBAC@25," AN EXHIBITION OF BOOK ARTS FROM VICTOR HAMMER FELLOWS OVER THE YEARS

The show, which celebrates both the Book Arts Center's 25th anniversary and the College's 150th anniversary, opens Thursday, Oct. 18 with a reception in the String Room Gallery.

AURORA, N.Y.— The Wells College <u>Book Arts Center</u> and <u>String Room Gallery</u> are pleased to announce the opening of "WBAC@25: An Exhibition of Book Arts from Victor Hammer Fellows." The opening reception will be held Thursday, Oct. 18, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the String Room Gallery in the College's Main Building. Admission is free and open to the public.

The show will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Book Arts Center and will showcase the work of 11 artists who have held the position of Victor Hammer Fellowship at Wells College. Artwork completed during their fellowship as well as more recent work will be included in the exhibit, which runs through Nov. 30, 2018.

The work featured presents a wide scope of techniques and media, ranging from traditional bookbinding, letterpress printing and calligraphy to experimental forms that incorporate video and sculptural elements, all related to the field of book arts. Artists included in the show are: Jocelynn Webb Pederson, Terrence Chouinard, Sarah Roberts, Margot Ecke, Rachel Wiecking, Sarah Bryant, Katie Baldwin, Laura Rowley, Jenna Rodriguez, H. R. Buechler and Leah Mackin.

The <u>Victor Hammer Fellowship</u> was established in 1998, five years after the founding of the Books Arts Center. The fellowship provides an opportunity for artists actively working in the field of book arts to share their practices with the greater Wells College community through teaching, working and collaborating.

Since its founding, the Wells Book Arts Center has become a unique center of production and study in the book arts, with highly sought-after facilities and vibrant year-round programming. In addition to integrating into the academic curriculum of the Visiting Writers Series, operates the Wells College Press, hosts a lecture series and draws accomplished book art artists to campus every summer for the Summer Book Arts Institute.

For more information please visit wellsbookartscenter.org.