

This Wednesday, October 26 from 12 - 1 pm in the Robert L. Ringel Gallery in Purdue Memorial Union, Purdue Galleries and Purdue Theatre will present "**Living Portraits**" a unique collaborative event in which MFA acting students will characterize photographic portraits from the Purdue Galleries permanent collection. Visitors are invited to drop in to the gallery at their leisure during the lunch hour.



Professor Richard Stockton Rand says, “Actors are transformers, embodying human character through their bodies. This transformation process requires empathy, intuition, analysis, physical virtuosity and courage. In advance of the Living Portraits event, actors in the MFA acting program were given a photograph of a human being. Nothing more. They’ve worked to penetrate and comprehend their characters’ inner lives and they will breathe life into these historical figures in the art gallery.”

Galleries director Craig Martin says, “Having the actors personify their chosen portraits alongside the images, within the art gallery, makes for a fitting reflection on art and the cultural life of the historic portrait subjects. This type of interaction brings new insights and hopefully new audiences to both the Galleries and Theatre programs, and it provides a unique stage for actors in the professional actor training program.”

All Purdue Galleries exhibitions and events are free and open to the public.