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**UTSA WELCOMES MIXED-MEDIA EMBODIMENTS
ARTIST MARIE-LAURE ILIE**

Meet the artist reception to be held on Thursday, Nov. 2

SAN ANTONIO — The UTSA Department of Art and Art History will present “Draping and Beyond: Current Works,” an exhibit by artist Marie-Laure Ilie beginning Thursday, Nov. 2 and continuing through Thursday, Nov. 30 in the 1604 Campus Arts Building Gallery. A meet-the-artist reception, which is free and open to the public, is on Thursday, Nov. 2 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the gallery.

Ilie, a Sorbonne graduate, received her bachelor of fine art degree from the University of Michigan, where she served as a teaching fellow. She went on to acquire additional training in the fine arts at several painting studios in Paris and a variety of workshops in the United States.

Inspired by the ambivalent sense of permanence and deterioration of ancient Greek and Roman sculptures, Ilie explores metaphors of liberty, justice, woman’s roles, war and peace through her paintings and sculptures. Using both modern technology and traditional fabric enhancements, Ilie re-images and transforms conventional allegories and archetypes in order to suggest new cultural and emotional interpretations.

Ilie now works mainly with fabric because of its symbolic links with human life and its versatility. Since 1995, she exhibits only her new genre of 3-D compositions that she calls mixed-media embodiments.

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Programs are offered through the colleges of Architecture, Business, Education and Human Development, Engineering, Honors, Liberal and Fine Arts, Public Policy, and Sciences, and the Graduate School. A Top 100 Hispanic-serving institution, UTSA is ranked among the top 10. A university of access and excellence, UTSA is committed to research and discovery, teaching and learning, and public service.

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