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Off the Wall

Gallery 400
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Opening Reception: Wednesday, September 12, 2001 4-7 pm

Gallery 400 at the University of Illinois at Chicago presents *Off the Wall*, a group exhibition of non-conventional contemporary sculpture. The eight artists from across the country incorporate multiple figurative, abstract, narrative, and fantastical references in destabilized combinations. *Off the Wall* challenges the conventions of an artwork's autonomy and contingency. Through distinctive materials and forms, eccentric sculpture challenges convention, narrative, and site-specificity, resulting in quirky irreverence.

“What is remarkable about these irreverent works is that they are neither motivated by a single source nor are they centralized, geographically or conceptually,” said Lorelei Stewart, Director of Gallery 400. “*Off the Wall* brings together artists from across the U.S. who appear to be tapping into similar interests in which sculpture is approached as a proposition rather than as fact.”