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2020 Annual BFA Exhibition
opens at the H&R Block Artspace
August 28 – September 19, 2020



Kansas City, Mo. (August 17, 2020) — Celebrating 20 years of artists, art, and ideas in 2020, the H&R Block Artspace continues its commitment to introducing new generations of artists and designers who have earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Kansas City Art Institute. The Artspace is pleased to present the *2020 Annual BFA Exhibition*, on view August 28 through September 19, 2020.

Featuring new works throughout the Artspace galleries created by recent graduates with degrees in Animation, Art History, Ceramics, Creative Writing, Fiber, Filmmaking, Graphic Design, Illustration, Interactive Arts, Painting, Photography, Printmaking and Sculpture, the *2020 Annual BFA Exhibition* provides many of these artists with their first public exhibition opportunity while also representing the culmination of their BFA degree program.

The *2020 Annual BFA Exhibition* is organized in collaboration with Michael Schonhoff, KCAI campus gallery director, with support by Isabel Vargas, Block Fellow. Public programs have been organized with the support of the BFA Exhibition Advisory Committee: 2020 BFA graduates JR Junger, Lueking Knabe, Charlotte May, and Jada Patterson. The Online Viewing Room has been created in partnership with KCAI Office of Communications, and the BFA 2020 graphic is designed by Jesslyn Jakobe.

2020 Exhibition Awards Jurors

José Faus, Latino Writers Collective founding member, artist, poet, writer, educator
Neysa Page-Lieberman, independent curator, lecturer, writer, educator

Online Viewing Room

You can also visit the 2020 Annual BFA Exhibition Online Viewing Room. Look for the link on the Artspace [website](#) or at www.kcai.edu.

Public Engagement

The Artspace is excited to engage artists and audiences in new ways through a series of digital programs.

#KCAIGRAD2020 on [Instagram](#) will introduce artworks in the exhibition and explore new themes each week.

The New TNT: Artists at Work on [Facebook](#) introduces the artists and designers of KCAI's Class of 2020 through a series of interviews and conversations featured between September 7 - 15.

Artspace Visitors Guide

Visiting the Exhibition

You are invited to experience the exhibition with a visit to the Artspace or the Online Viewing Room.

Timed, ticketed entry

The Artspace is open and free to all. To protect the well-being of visitors, students, and staff, the museum will limit the number of guests and all visitors will need to reserve tickets in advance. You can reserve tickets on the [Artspace website](#), Instagram [@hrblockartspace](#), or [Eventbrite](#).

Hours

The Artspace is open with timed, ticketed entry Wednesday through Saturday, 12 - 5 pm.

Wayfinding

Protect yourself and others: maintain a safe distance of 6' between you and other guests, use the designated entrance and exit, and follow the designated path that leads you through the exhibition. The path through the galleries is marked with arrows.

Masks

Better safe than sorry, so please wear your mask or ask Artspace staff if you find yourself without one of your own. Masks are required for all guests and staff when outside of individual offices.

Cleanliness

Surfaces are sanitized throughout the day and hand sanitizer is available at the front desk.

Questions

You can email us at visitartspace@kcai.edu if you have questions or need to make special arrangements for your visit.

About the H&R Block Artspace

In 2020, the H&R Block Artspace at the Kansas City Art Institute celebrates two decades of innovative exhibitions, conversations, public programs, and commissioned projects that explore the artists, art, and ideas of our time. Engaging, educating, and inspiring the next generations of artists, designers, and culture workers since 1999, the Artspace continues its commitment with *Artspace 20/20*, a 20th anniversary series of exhibitions and public programs that draw on its generative history by reengaging artists and curators with whom the Artspace has previously collaborated, while also introducing new and emerging creative professionals. The *Artspace 20/20* season of programs is supported by the Richard J. Stern Foundation for the Arts, Margaret Silva, Missouri Arts Council – a state agency, Boulevard Brewing Company, and private contributions.

About the Kansas City Art Institute

Founded in 1885, the Kansas City Art Institute is one of the oldest and most respected art and design colleges in the United States. Located at 4415 Warwick in Kansas City, Mo., KCAI is a premier private, fully accredited four-year college of art and design awarding the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 13 majors. KCAI's mission is to prepare gifted students to transform the world creatively through art and design. Learn more at www.kcai.edu.

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at the Kansas City Art Institute
16 East 43rd Street
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Hours: Wednesday-Saturday, 12:00-5:00 p.m.
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