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*2021 Annual BFA Exhibition*  
opens at the H&R Block Artspace and KCAI Gallery  
April 16 – May 15, 2021



Kansas City, Mo. (April 2, 2021) – The Kansas City Art Institute is pleased to present the *2021 Annual BFA Exhibition* to celebrate a new generation of artists and designers earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from KCAI.

Featuring recent work by 141 artists receiving their BFA degrees in Animation, Art History, Ceramics, Creative Writing, Fiber, Filmmaking, Graphic Design, Illustration, Interactive Arts, Painting, Photography, Printmaking and Sculpture, the *2021 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 *2021 Annual BFA Exhibition* is hosted by the H&R Block Artspace and the KCAI Gallery. The Artspace and KCAI Gallery are open and free to all. To protect the well-being of visitors, masks and social distancing will be required, venues will limit the number of guests, and all visitors will need to reserve tickets in advance for each venue.

Make timed reservations on Eventbrite to visit each exhibition venue during public hours, Tuesday through Saturday, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. using the links below:

[Schedule a visit at the H&R Block Artspace](#)

16 East 43rd Street

[Schedule a visit at the KCAI Gallery](#)

4415 Warwick Boulevard

*2021 Annual BFA Online Viewing Room*

Visit beginning April 16. Look for the link on [www.kcai.edu](http://www.kcai.edu).

*The New TNT: Artists at Work and #KCAIGRAD2021*

Watch Artspace and KCAI Gallery Facebook and Instagram profiles for featured artworks and artist profiles and dialogues.

To learn more about public programs, exhibiting artists and exhibition venues, current visitor guidelines for COVID-19, and to get directions, please visit the [H&R Block Artspace](#) and [KCAI Gallery](#) websites.

The *2021 Annual BFA Exhibition* is organized for the Kansas City Art Institute by Rodrigo Carazas Portal, AICAD Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor in Foundation and the BFA Team. Important contributions to the exhibition experience and design, audience engagement, and public programs have been made by the 2021 BFA Exhibition Advisory Council, all members of KCAI's Class of 2021: Daniel D'Angelo, Fiona Dougan, Anella Fernández, Rylie Lawver, Ipek Pelit, Anthony Williams, and London Williams in collaboration with Izsys Archer, Class of 2022.

For more information, if you have questions, or if you need to make special arrangements for your visit, email [bfa@kcai.edu](mailto:bfa@kcai.edu).

#### **About the H&R Block Artspace**

Dedicated to artists, art and ideas since 1999, the H&R Block Artspace at the Kansas City Art Institute presents innovative exhibitions, public programs and commissioned projects to engage and inspire the next generation of artists, designers and culture workers.

#### **About the KCAI Gallery**

Located in the Tony Jones Studios on the main campus, the KCAI Gallery serves the mission of KCAI through collaborative, curriculum-based engagements with students, faculty, community and artists in residence. Our new campus gallery presents curatorial outcomes of these engagements that include exhibitions, screenings, lectures, readings and conversations. This site and related programs hold space for critical thought, reflection and dialog about current social issues and global challenges in our world.

#### **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. The mission of KCAI is to prepare students to transform the world creatively through art and design.

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