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**Dayton Visual Arts Center Presents**  
**27<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Members' Show: *The Light Within***  
**& 20 Artists to Watch**  
**DVAC's First Online Exhibition featuring 2018-19 Emerging Artist Fellows**  
*July 6 – August 11, 2018*



Jaime Pacheco, *Virtual Exhibition*, 2017, relief print 14 x 16 in. *Courtesy of the artist.*

### The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Members' Show

DAYTON (June 20, 2018) – The Dayton Visual Arts Center (DVAC) presents the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Members' Show, *The Light Within*, sponsored by the DP&L Foundation, opening July 6 and continuing through August 11, 2018. "For 27 years, DVAC has proudly given member artist the opportunity to submit a work of art to be presented in an exhibition with over 100 of their peers," said Eva Buttacavoli, DVAC Executive Director. "Artists fresh from art school next to career artists, self-taught next to MFAs, Dayton-born next to just-arrived. All works are accepted and celebrated. And in fact, our audiences say this is one of their favorite shows of the year - a snapshot or microcosm of Dayton arts all in one gallery."

This year's exhibition theme, *The Light Within*, was selected in honor of Exhibition Sponsor Dayton Power & Light by the Exhibition and Programming Committee, with input from the DVAC staff. The theme is open to each artist's own interpretation of *the light within*.

Over 100 works of art will be on display in a range of media including painting, drawing, photography and more. Many works will be for sale.

The opening reception for *The Light Within* will take place on First Friday, July 6, 2018 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at DVAC, located at 118 N. Jefferson St. in Downtown Dayton. A "lightning-round" Gallery Talk will take place during the closing reception for the show on August 11 from 4-6 p.m. The Gallery Talk will be followed by a reception with light snacks and an opportunity to meet and talk with the artists. All events are free and open to the public. The exhibition will close on August 11, 2017 after the Gallery Talk. This year's prize juror is Jeffrey Cortland Jones, Professor of Art at the University of Dayton. Jones will select prizes in the following categories:

- The Lombard Award for Best in Show
- The Mayor's Office Award
- The 2019 Members Showcard Award
- and new this year, The Mike Goheen Memorial Fund for Photographers Award

Awards will be announced at the Opening Reception, Fri, Jul 6, 2018.

*The Light Within* is presented with support from Exhibition Partners Eileen and Richard Carr and Education & Public Program Sponsor Dr. Robert L. Brandt, Jr.

### **20 Artists to Watch**

DVAC's First Online Exhibition featuring 2018-19 Emerging Artist Fellows also opens July 6<sup>th</sup>. The exhibition is curated by Eva Buttacavoli, DVAC's Executive Director and will be available to view on DVAC's website.

The Fellowship is made possible from a grant from the Ohio Arts Council designed to grow ArtSource, DVAC's art sales arm which connects businesses and healthcare organizations to local art.

The online show is the culmination of a 9 month training by 20 artists who applied to be part of the program and 8 Dayton-area arts professionals who presented workshops and critical reviews. The Fellowship was developed to help artists create a great portfolio to better attain exhibition, grant, residency and sales opportunities – and to help DVAC build a network of critical support.

The 2018 ArtSource Fellows are:

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| • Michele Bondurant        | • Christina Pereyma   |
| • Matthew Burgy            | • Kate Huser Santucci |
| • Dan Cleary               | • Ashley Simons       |
| • Rachel Dominguez-Brenner | • Stephanie Slowinski |
| • Shawna Hatton            | • Peggy Steinberg     |
| • Gae Helton               | • Tina Louise Stewart |
| • Laura Howells            | • Jamie Strack        |
| • Mikee Huber              | • Winfred Taylor      |
| • Cydnie King              | • Terry Welker        |
| • Maureen O'Keefe          | • Mary Beth Whitley   |

The program's arts professional partners are:

- **Tess Cortés**, former university museum coordinator and multidisciplinary artist whose work has been exhibited and screened nationally and internationally;
- **Ken Emerick**, Individual Artist and Percent for Art Director, Ohio Arts Council;
- **Esther Hall**, former director for the Ohio Art League independent fashion designer/fiber artist, and lecturer for VSA Ohio, a state organization on arts and disability;
- **Jean Koeller**, regional artist who exhibits her work regionally and nationally;
- **David Leach**, Professor Emeritus at Wright State University, where he taught printmaking, drawing, and color theory;
- **Jeremy Long**, Associate Professor of painting and drawing at Wright State University;

- **Dr. Jerry Smith**, Chief Curator, Dayton Art Institute;
- **John Sousa**, artist and artwork photographer with over 38 years of photography experience;
- **Sean Wilkinson**, Associate Professor of photography, University of Dayton.

“Since 1991 DVAC has helped sustain the Dayton region’s arts community by providing artists a place to show, market, and sell their work,” adds Buttacavoli. The Member’s Show and ArtSource are just two of the ways in which we celebrate and support both art and artists in our community.”

The Presenting Sponsor for *the* online exhibition is the DVAC Fellowship for Emerging Artists Fund. For more information about DVAC, the Annual Open Members’ Show, or ArtSource Fellows, visit [www.daytonvisualarts.org](http://www.daytonvisualarts.org), and follow DVAC on Facebook (Dayton Visual Arts Center), Twitter (@DaytonVisArtCtr) and Instagram (daytonvisualartscenter).

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#### **ABOUT DVAC**

The Dayton Visual Arts Center (DVAC) helps sustain the arts community by providing a place to show, market, and sell work and also helps satisfy the needs and wants of art-lovers who have a place to see artists’ work and, often, meet the artists. At its core, DVAC advances art for the community and a community for artists.

DVAC receives operating support from the Ohio Arts Council, Culture Works, Montgomery County Arts & Cultural District, The Dayton Power & Light Foundation and the Virginia W. Kettering Foundation, and Members.

#### Also On View:

*Back in the Day When We Used to Dance I* – a site-specific mural by Morris Howard  
 DVAC’s CSA (Community Supported Art) Print Subscription Series Round 3, featuring limited editions by

Amy Powell, Danielle Rante, Francis Schanberger and Andrea Starkey

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Summer Gallery Hours (through September 1, 2018):

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Closed Sunday & Monday