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The Contemporary Dayton Presents The Biennial Member and Student Invitational

Friday, August 5 through Sunday, September 4, 2022

DAYTON (July 6, 2022) – The Contemporary Dayton (The Co) is excited to present [Waking Up: The Contemporary Dayton Biennial Member and Student Invitational](#). Traditionally an open juried members' show, The Co is revitalizing the popular exhibition with an invitational element. The exhibition will feature artwork created over the past year around the theme of emerging from the pandemic by artists currently living and working in Dayton and throughout Ohio; and a selection of top emerging artists from area colleges and universities. The exhibition will open on the evening of Friday, August 5, 2022, with an Artist Talk and Panel coinciding with First Friday; and the preview night for [Art in the City](#).

"Waking Up will feature a diverse collection of the top and emerging artists in Dayton who are contemplating life amidst the pandemic," said The Co's Executive Director, Eva Buttacavoli. "We continue to develop connections between our immediate community and the global public in the belief that a multiplicity of voices help make The Co, and Dayton, an influential and inspiring place."

The Mike Goheen Memorial Fund Award for Photography will be selected by Tracy Longley-Cook, Associate Professor of Photography, Wright State University. *Waking Up* is organized by Cydnie King, The Co's Curatorial Assistant.

EXHIBITING ARTIST MEMBERS

Zachary Armstrong
Robert Blackstone
Tess Cortés
Shon Curtis
Andrew Dailey
John Dickinson
Horace Dozier

Jamaal Durr
Michael "Ace" Gummer
Darren Haper
Julie Renee Jones
Katherine Kadish
David Leach
Brian Mathus

Kate Santucci
Francis Schanberger
Susanne Scherette King
Erin Smith Glenn
Kyle Thiele
Joel Whitaker

EXHIBITING STUDENT ARTISTS

Veronica Bernacki (UD)
Kendall Brock (CCAD)
Cassie Crownover (WSU)
Shannon Gallion (WSU)
Trevor Montei (WSU)

Claire Murphy (UD)
Kaylee Peters (UD)
Amalia Petraman (WSU)
Mar Quintero (WSU)
Quan Thai (UD)

Megan Weeda (UD)
Jess Williams (UD)

OPENING NIGHT DETAILS / FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, August 5, 2022

Members Preview: 5–6 p.m.

Artist Talk + Panel: 6:30 p.m.

Public Reception immediately following until 8 p.m.

The Contemporary Dayton
25 W 4th St, Dayton, OH 45402

Visit codayton.org for more information.

ABOUT THE CONTEMPORARY DAYTON

Mission: To provide art for the community and a community for artists.

The Contemporary Dayton (The Co) is the region’s contemporary art center. Established in 1991 as Dayton Visual Arts Center (DVAC), a 501c3, The Co produces and presents original exhibitions and programs, art events, community partnerships, and artist opportunities. Exhibitions and education programs feature artists living and working today, both nationally and in Ohio, with an emphasis on those whose work focuses on issues of social justice. In addition to its 4 galleries—open to all and always free—its retail store, the CoSHOP, provides income for Ohio artists and extends The Co’s accessibility to art, from visitor engagement to educational outreach through store products, programs, and experiences.

The Co is proud to support the creation of connections among the arts, community building, civic engagement, community planning, and use of public space, and makes an annual economic impact of 3.4 million to the region. Recently raising 1 million during the Pandemic to expand and move into its new home in downtown’s historic Dayton Arcade, The Co is led by Executive Director Eva Buttacavoli, a 30-year art museum administrator, curator, and educator, whose previous roles were at The Contemporary Austin, TX and The Perez Art Museum Miami, FL; and Curator Michael Goodson, who previously served as Curator at the Wexner Center for the Arts, Beeler Gallery, Columbus College of Art and Design, OH; and as Director at James Cohan Gallery, NY.

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