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### ChiArts SENIOR VISUAL ARTISTS TO EXHIBIT AT MANA CONTEMPORARY

For the fourth year in a row, Mana Contemporary will host The Chicago High School for the Arts (ChiArts®) Visual Art Department's Senior Showcase Exhibition. The special exhibition will include original works made by this year's graduating students from the Class of 2017, and will be on view from April 21 - April 30, 2017. A public reception will be held on Friday, April 21, 2017 from 6PM-9PM.

The Senior Showcase is the culminating exhibition of a ChiArts visual art student's high school career. The works on view will include selections from students' year-long thesis investigations as part of their Major AP Studio Art Course. ChiArts' Visual Arts Department offers the following majors: Drawing/Painting, Photography, Sculpture, and Visual Communications. Students will also exhibit works made in their elective courses, including Digital Media, Wearable Sculpture, Sequential Art and Contemporary Practices: Performance and Installation.

ChiArts thanks <u>Columbia College</u> for loaning their exhibition walls for ChiArts' use in this exhibit and <u>MANA</u> <u>Contemporary</u> for hosting this exhibition.

# ChiArts Visual Arts Department Senior Showcase Exhibition 2017

April 21 - April 30, 2017 Public Reception: April 21<sup>st</sup>, 6 - 9PM

# ChiArts' Visual Arts Class of 2017:

Kaelyn Andrade
Gabriel Antos
Natalie Aparicio
Sam Barber Kennedy
Gregory Buckner
Evan Calabrese
Guadalupe Campos
Anieya Cauthen
Yasmeen Cisneros
Cameron Collins
Meka Cruz

Seann Dunham
Jordon Eason
Maya Franklin
Srinidi Gopal
Tyler Jackson
Trinitty Jeffries
Steven Jones
Nefertari Louden
Cassandra Magana
Christian Martinez
Alexander Payne

Carri Ponder
Deborah Pozo-Tovar
Andrea Reyes
Ricardo Rivera
Marlina Romero-Saulsberry
Carolina Sandoval
Chyanne Spencer
Molly Sullivan
Pierson Talbott



Marlina Romero-Saulsberry, untitled, 2017



Cam Collins, Taekwondo, 2017



Cassandra Magana, Woman Circle, 2017







Alexander Payne, Trust, 2017



Srinidi Gopal, Figurine, 2017



### **About ChiArts**

ChiArts is Chicago's first and only public high school for the arts. With disciplines in creative writing, dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, ChiArts provides its students with a pre-professional arts training program paired with a college-preparatory academic curriculum. While Chicago Public Schools provides per-pupil support for the academic program, the arts conservatories at ChiArts are wholly funded by individual, corporate and foundation donors. ChiArts opened its doors in 2009 and has graduated four classes of "scholar-artists" at a rate between 92-95% each year. ChiArts was recently named an Exemplary School by the Arts Schools Network. For more information about ChiArts, visit chiarts.org.





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