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ChiArts' Visual Arts Conservatory Presents the 2019 Senior Showcase Exhibition May 10 - May 17, 2019

Chicago, IL — This year, Co-Prosperity Sphere will host <u>The Chicago High School for the Arts'</u> Visual Arts Conservatory Senior Showcase Exhibition. This special exhibition will include original works made by this year's graduating class. The exhibition will run from May 10 - May 17, 2019. A public opening reception will be held on Friday, May 10, 2019 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

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

The Visual Arts Conservatory started off 2019 with many notable accomplishments recognized by regional and national organizations! In November 2018, Janessa Soliveras was named one of the Visual Arts finalists in the National YoungArts Foundation competition. This January, 11 seniors showcased work at the All-City Senior Portfolio Exhibition at The LeRoy Neiman Center of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. This February and March, Visual Arts celebrated 97 Scholastic regional awards including 21 Gold Keys. Along with the Scholastic awards, four seniors participated in the 2019 Senior Illinois High School Art Exhibition Awards (IHSAE) Exhibition and were awarded large scholarships. The IHSAE also selected five ChiArts scholar-artists and their artwork to exhibit at the Zhou B. Art Center this past February.

Support for the 2019 Senior Showcase Exhibition is provided in part by the Carl & Marilynn Thoma Art Foundation. We are deeply grateful for the Thoma Foundation's support in giving the Visual Arts Class of 2019 a platform. ChiArts' Visual Arts Conservatory would also like to thank Co-Prosperity Sphere for their support in hosting this exhibition.

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The Chicago High School for the Arts (ChiArts) is Chicago's first public high school for the arts. With disciplines in creative writing, dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, ChiArts provides its scholar-artists with a tuition-free, pre-professional arts training program paired with a college-preparatory academic curriculum. ChiArts opened its doors in 2009 and has graduated six classes of scholar-artists at a rate between 92-99% each year. In 2018, ChiArts celebrated its first 100% graduation rate. To learn more about ChiArts visit https://chiarts.org/, and Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

The Co-Prosperity Sphere (C-PS) is an experimental cultural center located in the neighborhood of Bridgeport. The space is used to showcase work by artists, performers and cultural workers of all stripes. The C-PS hosts exhibitions, screenings, presentations, installations, festivals, meetings, and performance programs in its 2,600+ square foot gallery. The space hosts between 30-40 events and exhibitions annually, serving over 20,000 individuals each year.



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Public Opening Reception

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Thalia Agosto, *Dormant*, 2018 Colored pencil on paper



Miranda Wood, *Olympia*, 2018 Archival pigment print



Mia Holbert, *Janessa*, 2019 Archival pigment print



CHIARTS' VISUAL ARTS CLASS OF 2019

Thalia Agosto
Andy Andrade
Joshua Bangs
Nicholas Brown
Ladasia Bryant
Mia Buzo
Daniela Cantarero
Ramon Ceaser
Rashad Chapman
Zoe Clemons-Brown
Amaya Delgado
Adela Duewel
Sophia Echendu
Damariz Garcia

Josue Herrera
Torulf Hinckley
Mia Holbert
Zachary Huff
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