



## Join Us for Virtual Receptions

[Friday, April 9, 2021 | 5-7 PM](#)

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ROCKVILLE, March 12, 2021 — VisArts Galleries presents thesis exhibitions by the Maryland Institute College of Art's MFA (MFAST) 2020 graduates. Our virtual receptions, on Friday, April 9 and Friday, April 30 from 5-7 PM, will feature exhibition videos of the artists' work and discussions with the artists.

VisArts' galleries are currently open to the public by appointment, Monday-Friday, 12-4 PM.

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# MICA MFA in Studio Art 2020 Graduates



**Shannon Brinkley**  
**anderson funk**  
**Lauri Hafvenstein**  
**Mary Stuart Hall**  
**Michelle Lisa Herman**  
**Nugent Koscielny**  
**Liz Miller**  
**Azul Nogueron**

## MICA MFAST 2020 Thesis Exhibitions

April 2 - May 14

Gibbs Street Gallery | Kaplan Gallery | Common Ground Gallery

The Maryland Institute College of Art's low-residency MFA (MFAST) program has always transcended significant distances, bringing together geographically dispersed artists already established in their practices for intensive sessions of learning and critique. Rather than mediums, approaches, or themes, these artists hold in common the desire to develop their art within a tightly knit community while maintaining their connection to home and careers. The class of 2020, comprised of eight students living around the world from Baltimore to Berlin, also share the unique experience of a pandemic disrupting their plans for a final in person, onsite gathering and exhibition last summer. Consequently, the period for producing their culminating works has extended into unprecedented months of protests against social injustice, a presidential campaign reflecting extreme divisions in American society, and widespread uncertainty about personal and economic health.

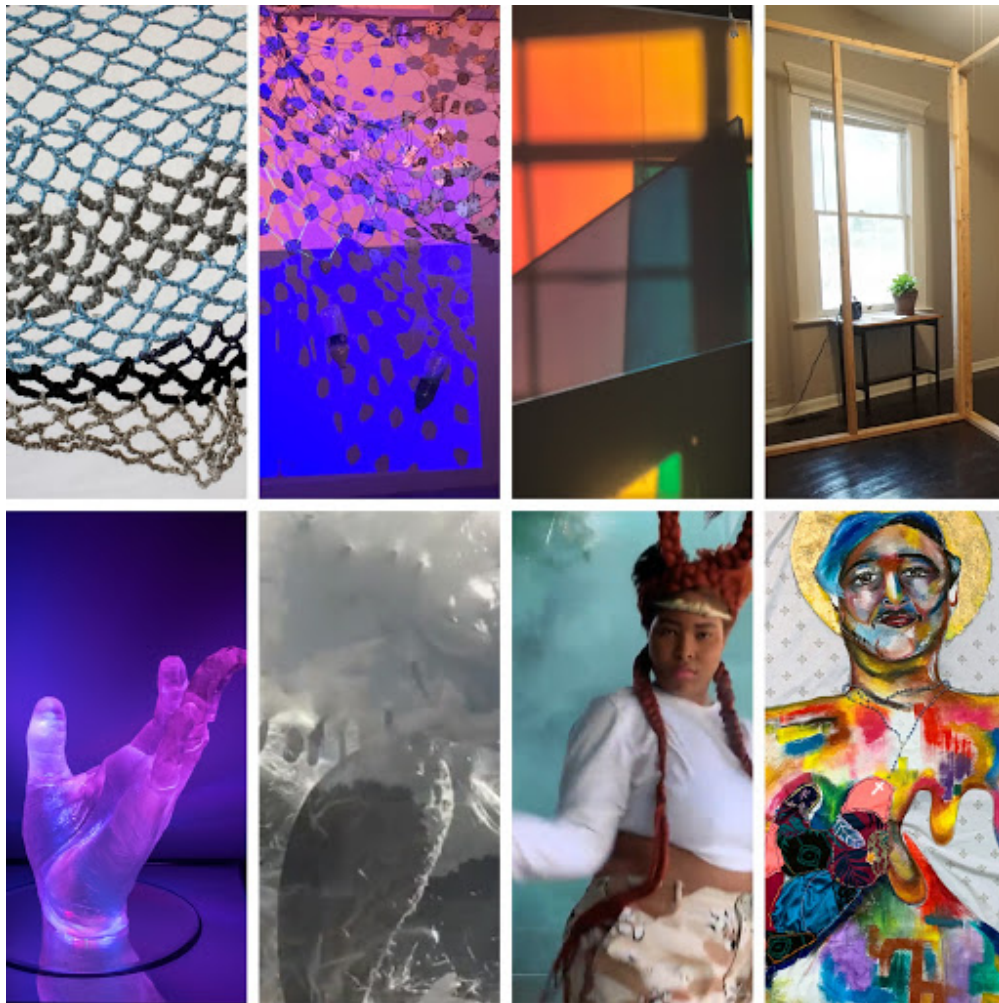
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### Participating Artists

*Gibbs Street Gallery:* Shannon Brinkley, Lauri Hafvenstein, and Azul Nogueron

*Kaplan Gallery:* anderson funk, Mary Stuart Hall, Nugent Koscielny, and Liz Miller

*Common Ground Gallery:* Michelle Lisa Herman



Artwork by (clockwise from top left): Shannon Brinkley, anderson funk, Lauri Hafvenstein, Mary Stuart Hall, Azul Nogueron, Liz Miller, Nugent Koscielny, Michelle Lisa Herman

## About VisArts

Located in the heart of Rockville, Maryland, VisArts is a hub for the visual arts that engages nearly 30,000 visitors annually through gallery exhibitions, education programs, a studio artist program, and events. Founded in 1987, VisArts is committed to our mission of transforming individuals and communities through the visual arts.

VisArts is located three blocks from the Rockville Metro station at 155 Gibbs Street, Rockville, Maryland. For information, visit [www.visartscenter.org](http://www.visartscenter.org) or call 301-315-8200.

### VisArts Gallery Hours

Monday-Friday, Open by Appointment, 12-4 PM

Saturday-Sunday, Closed

*Exhibitions are always free and open to the public.*

**For information, images, or to arrange an interview or preview of the exhibition, please contact Elizabeth Stern Lukin at (301) 706-6295 or [esternlukin@visartscenter.org](mailto:esternlukin@visartscenter.org)**

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