



CENTER FOR VISUAL ART

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Center for Visual Art Presents

*MSU Denver Spring 2021 Student Exhibition*

DENVER, COLORADO – Opening April 16, The *MSU Denver Spring 2021 Student Exhibition* will present the work of the Department of Art's student artists and designers. Work presented examines both personal experiences and global concerns through multiple styles and media which showcase the depth of teaching provided by the MSU Denver Art Department.

Students graduating in the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters were invited to take part in this exhibition. Student exhibitions like this one are integral to the mission of the Center for Visual Art as they provide MSU Denver art students a gallery space in which to present their work professionally. The CVA's location within the Santa Fe Art District offers these emerging artists valuable exposure to the broader local arts community while still providing support from gallery professionals. The exhibition opens on April 16 and continues through May 7, 2021.

## **Artists & Designers in the Exhibition**

Richard Deanda, Beatrice Drew, Sarah Folsom, Emily Hammack, Amanda Jensen, Raechel Kimsey, Ashley LaFrance, Hannah Scheuerman, Maria V. Solis, Hunter Sprague, Leah Tschumper, Audrey Twigg, and Isaiah Wortham

These students represent the various academic paths in MSU Denver's BFA program: BFA in Art, Art Education, and Communication Design. Ceramicist and Art Education major, Sarah Folsom uses her interest in personal and universal experiences to expand beyond the traditional utility associated with ceramic ware as a means to the expression of human emotion. Ashley LaFrance's piece *Muerte Altar Kit* both tells her story of cultural self-discovery while challenging the viewer to reflect on their own origins. Audrey Twigg is a Communication Design student who is exploring new ways of storytelling through an interactive graphic novel called *Hide* that CVA guests will be able to play in the gallery.

## **Exhibition Events**

### **Artist Panel**

**Thursday, April 29, 5:30-6:30 pm**

Artists will share the inspiration and creative process for their work.

**Participating artists:** Beatrice Drew, Sarah Folsom, Emily Hammack, Hannah Scheuerman, Leah Tschumper

## **BFA Thesis Online Exhibition**

Opening April 16 online at 6:00 pm, the Spring 2021 BFA Thesis Exhibition is the apex of MSU Denver's Studio Art and Communication Design students' education. Graduating students will present their thesis work in a shared, online exhibition at [msudenverbfathesis.com](https://msudenverbfathesis.com).

CVA is pleased to promote the online Spring 2021 BFA Thesis exhibition in support of MSU Denver's graduating BFA students.

The artists and designers in the exhibition are: Aman Alchokr, Grace Baclao, Anniston Craddock, Richard Deanda, Beatrice Drew, Reinna Florez, Sarah Folsom, Diana Garcia, Chris Godoy, Emily Hammack, Nori Hess, Jay Hoppe, Jennifer Hudak, Amanda Jensen, Ariel Kensington, Sophia LaBriola, Ashley LaFrance, Davida Martinez, Eric Sanchez Medel, Greg Nelson, Kara O'Dell, Maria Pardo, Angela Reider, Hannah Scheuerman, Kensey Simm, Sarah Steck, Leah Tschumper, and Parker Wiese.

## **About CVA**

The Center for Visual Art was founded in 1990 to expose students to leading-edge art and to broaden MSU Denver's art program. CVA is a division of the MSU Denver Art Department which is dedicated to providing students with an unparalleled urban learning environment and a strong sense of community within the local art scene. In addition to hosting the BFA Thesis Exhibitions, the Center for Visual Art contributes to MSU Denver's status as a higher education art program in Colorado that maintains accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. CVA provides a year-round schedule of bold, contemporary exhibitions of both local significance and international reach, educational programming open to the community and immersive workforce development for students in creative fields. CVA is free and open to everyone.

CVA is located at 965 Santa Fe Drive in Denver, Colorado. For gallery hours, full event listings and visitor information, please visit: [www.msudenver.edu/cva](https://www.msudenver.edu/cva).

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