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**California College of the Arts presents the
2022 MFA Graduating Class Exhibition**

The exhibition debuts work from 27 emerging artists in CCA's graduate program in fine arts

CCA MFA 2022

San Francisco, CA—March 10, 2022—On Thursday, March 17, a new exhibition featuring work by 27 emerging artists from California College of the Arts' graduate program in fine arts opens at the CCA Wattis Institute, 360 Kansas Street, in San Francisco. This annual exhibition is a meaningful milestone for graduating students, and is presented in two parts with two opening receptions.

Organized by CCA faculty member Glen Helfand and Wattis Institute Curator and Head of Programs Kim Nguyen, the exhibition features work across mediums—painting, sculpture, ceramics, photography, facial recognition software, video installation—and explores themes and topics that address the timely intersections of humanity, environmental concerns, family lineage, and social and political currents.

"We're excited to bring together the 2022 MFA graduating class in an in-person gallery setting," says Helfand. "It is a return to form, this group of artists persevering, honing their work and responding to these unprecedented times. The shows provide a welcome opportunity to share their visions publicly."

"Each student has produced a body of work that they should be incredibly proud of," says Nguyen. "The work in both exhibitions is the result of years of hard work and study, and as much as these exhibitions are opportunities for these artists to share their work, it is also a moment to celebrate the culmination of this chapter and the start of the next in their careers."

CCA's MFA graduating class will showcase their work on the website <https://www.ccamfaexhibition.art>.

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On view:

CCA Wattis Institute, 360 Kansas Street, San Francisco
Free and open to the public

Exhibition one:

March 17–April 2, 2022*
Opening reception: March 18, 4–7 pm

Featuring:

Katayoun Bahrami, Danielle Cook, Irene Cai, Shao-Feng Hsu, Bryce LeFort, Liz Lis, Rachel Parish, Niv Rajendra, Rossie, Yiming Si, Nicki Shockz, Jasmin Viducic, Corrie Wille, Steve Zhang.

*Please note: The gallery will be closed March 21-26 for spring break

Exhibition two:

April 7–April 16, 2022
Opening Reception April 8, 4–7 pm

Featuring:

Gregory Blanche, Zhen Cao, Gwen Dongfang, Linda Fenney, Ester Karnoski, Jihyeon Lim, Ellie Loo, Trina Michelle Robinson, Miguel Sarabia, Pratyush Swarup, Roy Vessil, Wendi Wang, Amy Zheng.

About California College of the Arts

Founded in 1907, California College of the Arts (CCA) educates students to shape culture and society through the practice and critical study of art, architecture, design, and writing. Benefiting from its San Francisco Bay Area location, the college prepares students for lifelong creative work by cultivating innovation, community engagement, and social and environmental responsibility.

CCA offers a rich curriculum of 23 undergraduate and 11 graduate programs in art, design, architecture, and writing taught by a faculty of expert practitioners. Attracting promising students from across the nation and around the world, CCA is among the 25 [most diverse colleges in the U.S.](#) Last year, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked CCA as one of the [top 10 graduate schools for fine arts in the country](#).

Graduates are highly sought after by companies such as Pixar/Disney, Apple, Intel, Facebook, Gensler, Google, IDEO, Autodesk, Mattel, and Nike, and many have launched their own successful businesses. Alumni and faculty are often recognized with the highest honors in their fields, including Academy Awards, AIGA Medals, Fulbright Scholarships, Guggenheim Fellowships, MacArthur Fellowships, National Medal of Arts, and the Rome Prize, among others.

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CCA is creating a new, expanded college campus at its current site in San Francisco, spearheaded by the architectural firm Studio Gang. The new campus design will be a model of sustainable construction and practice; will unite the college's programs in art, crafts, design, architecture, and writing in one location to create new adjacencies and interactions; and will provide [more student housing](#) than ever before. For more information, visit [cca.edu](#).

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