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The Art Museum at the University of Toronto presents the 2023 Shelley Peterson Student Art Exhibition

May 16, 2023 (Toronto, ON)— The Shelley Peterson Student Art Exhibition is an annual exhibition celebrating the artistic excellence of undergraduate students enrolled in visual studies programs from the University of Toronto’s three campuses. The exhibition offers a meeting place for students to exchange ideas and find meaningful connections through their diverse artistic practice.

This year’s exhibition is curated by **Jessica Fisher**, **Meredith Lorimer**, and **Neshan Tung** as part of their Master of Museum Studies Capstone Project at the Faculty of Information, University of Toronto. After receiving over 300 submissions from an open call, the curators selected nineteen artworks that will be featured in a print publication and an online showcase launching on the Art Museum’s website on **Tuesday, May 16**. The nineteen selected artists respond to the ramifications of the pandemic and explore the ways our relationships to our environments are digitally mediated. The collection of artworks fosters connection and community, inspiring each of us to contemplate and examine our sense of self in the virtual realm.

“Curating the Shelley Peterson Student Art Exhibition was an enriching experience that challenged us to collaborate and communicate effectively across U of T’s three different campuses,” says student curators Fisher, Lorimer, and Tung. *“The process of*

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selecting and organizing the artwork was both rewarding and demanding but ultimately resulted in a diverse and visually stunning exhibition. Thank you to all students and professors for letting us into your classrooms and studios, meeting with us online, and sharing your art and ideas with us. It was such a privilege to speak with so many talented artists that make up the visual studies programs across the University of Toronto."

Out of the nineteen artists, **Hiu Ting Charlotte Lam, Helia Honarmandi, and Billie Raphael** were chosen as award winners by art historian, critic, and curator Charlene K. Lau. *"The award winners engage with ideas centred on movement: botanical transport systems, fluid notions of gender, and the mobilization of protest. As disparate as these themes may appear, they serve as reminders of our interconnected and dynamic ecosystem, and how we negotiate daily with the planet and each other,"* says Lau. *"These works embody the difference and diversity present in everyday life, whether situated in digital space, on Indigenous lands, or home abroad. If the past three years have taught us anything, it is that many individual and collective realities co-exist at any moment, in simultaneous alternate universes both separate and together."*

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Launching Tuesday, May 16, 2023
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Works by Hiu Ting Charlotte Lam (UTM), Joy Li (UTSG), Sophie Woelfling (UTSG), Xingtian Gong (UTSG), Huan Chen (UTM), Siti Lei (UTSG), Antonia Grujic (UTM), Suki Wong (UTM), Helia

Honarmandi (UTSG), Chloena Kouyoumadjian (UTSC), Jacob Muller (UTSG), Vito Park (UTSG), Lucy Lin (UTSG), Billie Raphael (UTSG), Jinyan Zhao (UTSG), Jing Han Yang (UTM), Natalie R. Chiovitti (UTM), Maxen Wang (UTSG), Gladys Lou (UTM)

About the Art Museum at the University of Toronto

The Art Museum is one of the largest gallery spaces for visual art exhibitions and programming in Toronto. The Art Museum organizes and presents an intensive year-round program of exhibitions and events that foster—at a local, regional, and international level—innovative research, interdisciplinary scholarship, and knowledge of art and its histories befitting Canada’s leading university and the country’s largest city.

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