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HEIGHTS ARTS

# Colorburst

STUDENT

ART SHOW

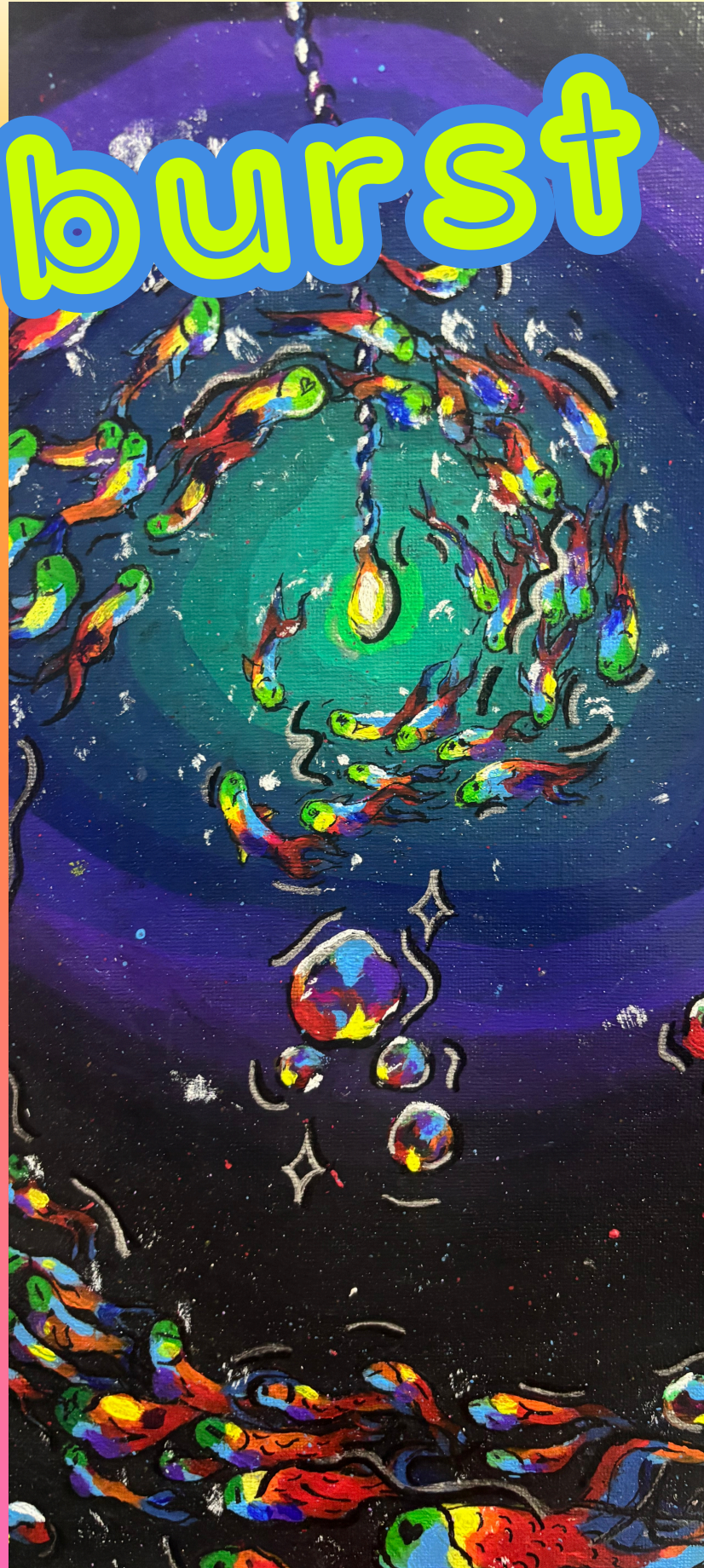
MAY 21-JUNE 14

CURATED BY  
AMIA FRAZIER &  
EVELYN MARINELLI

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Boni Gelfand, Evelyn Marinelli,  
Stephanie Murray, Heather Patterson,  
Grace Robin, Kate Snow



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# ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

“Colorburst” is an art exhibition organized by students that celebrates the expressive power of color. Showcasing artwork created by Heights High School students, the exhibition invites viewers into a vibrant exploration of color, hue, and visual storytelling.

Through painting, drawing, mixed media, photography, digital art, and sculpture, the young artists push beyond their understanding of color and experiment with the many ways it shapes mood, identity, and perception. Some works burst with bold energy and movement, while others use subtle palettes and specific tones to communicate quieter moments. At its core, “Colorburst” encourages artists and viewers to reconsider the role color plays in how we experience the world around us.

Part of the Heights Arts internship program, this student show is a unique program locally, and nationally, that fosters leadership in gallery spaces. Our current interns, Amia Frazier (senior) and Evelyn Marinelli (junior), developed the exhibition concept under the mentorship of Heights Arts Exhibition staff and adult Exhibition Team members, who helped them refine their creative ideas. Interns join the program in their junior year to learn, alongside arts professionals, what it takes to develop an art exhibition including submissions review, curation, and installation. In their senior year, they are tasked with using these new skills to put together their own exhibition with student work. Not only curators, the intern’s own art pieces are showcased in an intimate duo show located in our adjacent Spotlight Gallery.

Ultimately “Colorburst” is both a celebration and an invitation: a celebration of creativity, experimentation, and youth expression, and an invitation to see the world with fresh eyes through color in all its complexity, beauty, and possibility.

# Participating Students

Alexander, Arianna  
Anderson, Dwayne  
Beauford, Micheal  
Berry, Nadia  
Binder, Kyla  
Blue, Noah  
Callahan, Donovan  
Callahan, Violet  
Carter, Violet  
Cuthberston, Jalen  
Davis, Alana  
Dixon, Nathaniel  
Dooley, Isla  
Hagesfeld, Dana  
Hannah, Zero  
Harvan, Hazel  
Haufe, Mimi  
Hill, Brionne  
Hirsch, Rowan  
Jamieson, Evelyn  
Kennedy, Austin  
Khan, Anamta  
Kolbe, Natalie  
Koltnow, Max  
Konkoski, Sophie  
Kubach, Kaylee  
Littlejohn, Rebecca  
Lortez, Damon  
Marshall, Khavarei

McLennan, Ivy  
McMahon, Scarlett  
Millard, Fiona  
Mokotoff, Luca  
Moody, E'maiya  
Morehouse, Ivy  
Murnyack, Jaxson  
Nixon, Chace  
Oden, Amir  
Oneal, Zayvon  
Payne, Darius  
Potts, Dakota  
Rahmah, Hafizhah  
Rosebrock Hayes, Henry  
Taylor, Maileah  
Terman, Sierra  
Tokar, Savaya  
Trammel-Gardiner, Jakiyah  
Truitt, Miekala  
Walker, Beautiful  
Walker, Trinitee  
Warren, Tahleah  
Weaver, Brooklynn  
Wells, Deony  
Wright, Mei  
Yates, Heaven  
Young-Chambers, Journey

# **Amia Frazier, Senior Intern**

## **BIOGRAPHY**

I am Amia Frazier, a senior student artist from Cleveland Heights, Ohio, attending Cleveland Heights High School. My work focuses on exploring my developing artistic style and expressing myself through creativity. I am passionate about using art as a way to communicate ideas and emotions. As I continue to grow as an artist, I hope to further develop my unique style and pursue art beyond a hobby.

## **ARTIST STATEMENT**

My artwork is centered around color and explores how different colors can change the mood of a painting. I am inspired by the tones in everyday life and the experiences that can make a moment feel more intense. By using a mix of media and experimenting with different techniques, I create pieces that I am proud of. I want viewers to look closely at my work and see a transformed world through color and unexpected realities.

# **Evelyn Marinelli, Junior Intern**

## **BIOGRAPHY**

I am 16 years old and a junior in high school. I am a cosplayer, makeup artist as well as costume designer. I am also a cosmetology student at heights high. I style all my own wigs, make all of my own costumes and do my own makeup. I've been cosplaying for 5 years and hope that one day I will be able to work professionally with costumes ,makeup and wigs. I post content on social media as well as go to conventions. I spend months planning and making my cosplays.

## **ARTIST STATEMENT**

This is my cosplay of Mangle from the game Five Nights at Freddy's. This was originally my Halloween costume in 2023 but since then I've been adding onto it. It's one my most detailed cosplays and personal favorite. I made it with a bunch of random scraps of fabric and ribbons. I use old clothes and things I find at thrift stores to add onto my cosplays! This isn't for sale but I would love to take commissions one day.

# COMING SOON

## **Saturday, May 30 | 7:00 p.m.**

*No Exit: Songs, Soundscapes, and Sonnets*

No Exit will conclude their 2025-2026 season by delving into an array of dynamic and compelling works for voice and ensemble.

## **Thursday, June 18 | 5:00 p.m.**

*Opening Reception: Beyond Perception*

Highlighting artists whose work is shaped by lived experiences with disability, this exhibition explores how those perspectives inform and expand creative expression, inviting viewers to rethink ability, access, and ways of engaging with the world through art.

*Spotlight: Amelia Casiano*

Casiano's mixed media works use vibrant palettes and layered textures to explore themes ranging from womanhood to climate change, often drawing from her Puerto Rican heritage and Cleveland upbringing.

Both exhibitions run through August 16th.

## **Thursday, June 25 | 7:00 p.m.**

*ARTbar: Tony Cuda's Jazz Cats*

Tony Cuda's Jazz Cats is a powerhouse, modern jazz ensemble founded in 2010 by bassist and composer Tony Cuda. The band draws on a wide range of influences from Chick Corea and Mahavishnu Orchestra to Miles Davis and King Crimson and features musicians Chris Cuda, Dan Maier, Jim Cirillo, and Jim Wall.

## **Thursday, July 23 | 7:00 p.m.**

*Ekphrastacy: Artists Talk and Poets Respond*

Guest poets join Heights Poet Laureate Michelle R. Smith to perform original works inspired by the exhibitions on view: *Beyond Perception* and *Spotlight: Amelia Casiano*. Artists also discuss their work.

## **VOLUNTEER FOR A HEIGHTS ARTS COMMUNITY TEAM**

Heights Arts has a long history of inviting the community to share their passion and expertise to help the Organization develop and present its public programming. Three ongoing Volunteer Community Teams are charged with facilitating the strategies and action plans for Heights Arts core programming in the literary, musical, and visual arts disciplines. The purpose of Heights Arts' community teams is to expand community engagement in developing and presenting the programs of the organization and to tap into the significant expertise that resides in our community. We invite poets, musicians, artists, and other members of the community to work with us to select and showcase the region's visual artists, poets, and musicians in our literary, musical, and exhibition programming.

**To read more about our community teams and submit an application, visit us [HERE](#)**

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