

HEIGHTS **ARTS**

Echoes of our Truth

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EXHIBITION COMMUNITY TEAM

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ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

Curated by Gallery Interns Josie Naypauer and Juliet Duffy, this exhibition offers a platform for young voices and an opportunity for local community to gather in celebration of the art's power to connect generations.

CURATORIAL STATEMENT

Art is one of the most fundamental forms of self-expression in the world. It provides us with an irreplaceable outlet for conveying our emotions, thoughts, creativity, etc. There is no right or wrong way to create art, and that is the beauty of it. Every person conveys their feelings in their own unique way. In today's world, connecting with each other is paramount. Having empathy, and being able to understand the people around you makes our community a better place. This is what this show is asking of you. What is your truth? Take this as an opportunity to explore your identity. Use this as an outlet to express your true feelings, your opinion, your personality. Ask yourself, "Who am I?". And you may not have a clear answer to that question, but that is the beauty of art. That you can be anything you want to be.

COMING SOON FROM HEIGHTS ARTS

Close Encounters Season 16 Concert 5 July 25th, 3:00-5:00PM [LEARN MORE](#)

Heights Arts is pleased to present our Close Encounters chamber music series, held in a distinctive array of locations that provide a sense of prestige and exclusive ambiance. Concert 5 will feature music by Alla Boara at the historic Dunham Tavern. These Sunday afternoon concerts present music performed by arguably the world's most renowned local musicians—members of the Cleveland Orchestra and other elite performers.

Performers – Anthony Taddeo, Drums / Percussion; Amanda Powell, Voice; Dan Bruce, Guitar; Tommy Lehman, Trumpet / Flugelhorn; Ian Kinnaman, Bass; Kelton Hale, Accordion.

Alla Boara's mission is to bring recognition and new life to Italian Folk Music with more modern arrangements and (when applicable) with visual projections. The program includes storytelling throughout the program to help explain and deepen the connection to the individual compositions.

THE ARTISTS

Charlotte Benham

I am a 17-year old photographer who specializes in nature photography. I have been taking photos for two years now and it has become a major part of my life and a hobby that I hope to expand into something more. When I began working on Echos of my Truth I didn't know what would reflect who I was. I felt like my life was broken into too many pieces to explain. When I look at myself in the mirror I see so many people staring back at me that I didn't know who the real me was. That's what inspired Shattered Mirror. Shattered Mirror is a reflection of ten different versions of me, the versions that best represent me as a person. It shows my dedication to sports, the person I try to be, the desire to feel beautiful on the outside, me at my lowest points. Each individual photo tells a story beyond the shattered window that is seen. Each crack represents the differences of who I am coming together and fighting for dominance. When looking into the mirror it has to shatter to show all of me.

Shattered Mirror, Photography, \$25

Natalie Bier

I am a junior at Cleveland Heights High School. I made this necklace for my Metals and Jewelry class, taught by Mrs. Rich Drehs. I love stories of all kinds so I wanted to make a bookshelf pendant to represent that. The pendant is made out of polymer clay and the chain is made of nickel with beads.

In the Library, Polymer clay, nickel, beads, NFS

Owen Bisker

I am a senior at Cleveland Heights High School. I play football, and I aspire to be a lawyer after attending Case Western Reserve University. I like my work to relate to me in one way or another. I love editing my photos and having my metals work be very personal.

Close to the Heart, Copper, brass, nickel, NFS

Indiana Blackman

My name is Indy Blackman. I made this piece because I like skiing, and the cross is supposed to represent skis.

Split, Brass, copper, \$300

Vivienne Brown

I am a graduating senior of 2023. I participate in varsity soccer as well as the national honor society and technical society. My cardboard sculpture is based off of Van Gogh's Starry Night painting.

Night Sky, Cardboard, NFS

Mikkel Cannon

I am Mikkel Cannon. A lot of my art pieces consist of many things that I love and are important to me. Things like nature, kindness, and happiness are some of the characteristics I use for my artwork. For my truth, I created a necklace with a hand holding a heart at the bottom. The necklace consists of brass and copper sheet metal with brass & copper wire. I created my own bead connectors to complete my chain. I created this necklace as a symbol to represent spreading kindness to those around me. The hand represents giving and the hearts represent my kindness. I think kindness is important because it can be very impactful for the people around me and the entire world. Kindness is my truth, giving my kindness helps people feel better and be happy.

To be Kind, Brass, copper, beads, \$100

Johanna Carlyle

I primarily create 3D work, and my artwork is usually centered around or inspired by the female form. I enjoy working with all different mediums. My main piece is about my struggles with sensory intake, specifically sound. My other works are very feminine because I adore the female body, and they're also an ode to my own body. I am very invested in the fight to stop the female body from being sexualized at every opportunity, whether through the dress code or limits on displaying art.

Female Rage, Clay, NFS

Vulvacious, Copper, beads, \$100

Enjoy the Silence, Sculpty clay, embroidery thread, paint, false eyelashes, NFS

Antonia Casucci

My name is Antonia Casucci, I am a sophomore at CHHS, and I aspire to be a professional artist one day. My work is my head, open, an invitation to experience my thoughts. I believe that within my head, my mind is the deepest most true representation of me, my truth. The somewhat unsettling expression and the uncomfortable experience of drinking out of a head is born out of my love for horror and sense of humor.

Drink My Thoughts, Clay, NFS

Nogoye Cisse

Hi, my name is Nogoye Cisse, I attend Cleveland Heights High School. I am a senior I love to play lacrosse in my free time. My piece I submitted is supposed to resemble a city. The different heights of each cardboard piece. I chose yellow in order to make it stand out!

City Life, Wood, card stock, \$15

Jordan Cole

My name is Jordan Cole and I attend Cleveland Heights High. I have had a passion for the arts for years; in the future, I plan to be a cinematographer. My work showcases two replicas of the same person. In the middle, there is a cross with a flame in the foreground. It's supposed to simply show similarities and a symmetrical composition to follow my theme of doubles/twins. I'm a senior at Cleveland Heights High school. I've had a passion for the arts since a young age. I plan on taking my skills throughout life and becoming a cinematographer. Most of my images focus on POC and capturing sharp photographs to tell a story.

Masked By Religion, Photography, NFS

Trapped In A Bubble, Photography, NFS

Alexander Copeland

My name is Alex and I'm a junior who loves comics and creating stories. In my comic I show to the way I see the world and how I tell the stories of me and others in a creative way.

Calm Breath, Photography, \$200

Sydney Crider

My name Sydney Crider, I find a passion in art/ photography because this helped me find myself during bad times.

I really enjoy using acrylic paint and canvas. for photography I love doing my own photo shoots by using a camera and bluetooth clicker.

Love & Light, Photography, NFS

Malachi Dates

My work is a window into the self of me words can't explain, I refuse to work without reason and mindlessly and want each part to speak the things I can't speak. I am relatively quiet but observant, not just of others but also of myself, and as such I am really analytical of myself. This part of me is what I like to portray in my work.

My Truth, Paint, sharpie, NFS

Lucia Del Torto

I am a senior at Cleveland Heights High School. I love writing, music, cheesy TV shows, and going on little adventures with my friends. This piece represents one of my most prized possessions, my journal. I wanted to showcase the importance of reflection and introspection in my life, and the way that I practice both. This piece helped me explore new mediums, and allowed me to express themes of nostalgia, anxiety, obsession, and gratitude.

Me on Paper, Copper, cardboard, paper paste, polymer clay, metal stamps, sharpie, embroidery, cotton, pulp, magazine images, photos, pen on paper, NFS

Jaylen Eskridge

Hello! I'm a senior at Heights High School who loves to spend his moments feeling and being around nature.

Within this art piece depicts my surrounding hyperfixations that are really special to me because I have Autism & ADHD and in a way it comforts me through my own efforts of living as a person who feels like an outcast, especially at my age. And my family history that has questioned my identity that has left me to grow own my own in life.

The underlying & undefining love of a domestic flower, Water color pencil, India Ink, Colored Pencil, Archival Ink, NFS

Alex Fisher

Alex is a Junior at heights high and takes AP studio art and Ceramics II. Alex hopes to go to art school and pursue a career in art.

Ghostly Emotions, Dura-lar, posca marker, sharpie, NFS

Emergence, Drawing, NFS

Singled Out, Watercolor, pastel, posca, alcohol markers, colored pencils, NFS

Madison Fitzpatrick

Hello. My name is Madison. I enjoy making and viewing art. Art is included in my everyday life, at some point in the day. This piece that I've constructed is a piece to represent my confidence, growth, patience, and self-love. I used nickel and copper for my metal, and I used several techniques like soldering, cutting, filing, etc to complete the piece.

Loc'd N Love, Nickel, copper, NFS

Nolan Fluharty

I take art very seriously. I feel it to be a happy place to unwind all my built-up emotions. It has had a huge impact on me as a person as a whole.

My Truth, Tempera on paper, NFS

Elizabeth Francisco

I like to incorporate personal feelings into my art pieces and like to work with paints the most. My work represents lots of inside thoughts that I wouldn't dive into otherwise. I like to use a variety of mediums to create the specific vibe I'd like to portray.

Neon Lights, Acrylic paint, \$550

Assistance, Watercolor, \$150

Maxwell Frey

Born in Cleveland in 2004, Maxwell Frey is well aware of the effects of perspective due to his ADHD, Anxiety, and being on the Autism Spectrum. While some might consider this to be a bad thing, Maxwell uses his experiences to better himself and explore how people approach the world around them. In a world filled with distractions, the truth is often there but heavily distorted. Reflecting Maxwell's own experiences with trying to find the truth, *The Bare Truth's Judgment* is about the process in which our own minds distort the truth, amplifying certain parts while discarding the uncomfortable.

The Bare Truth's Judgment, Sculpture, NFS

Austin Gallagher

My name is Austin Gallagher I am a sophomore. I made this piece because I love mountains.

Mountains, Brass, copper, nickel, \$40

Jordan Glover-Williams

My name is Jordan Glover-Williams is this is my first painting piece ever created. I think I did a good job.

Self, Paint on paper, NFS

Bre Greer

My piece is something I thought of because I really wanted to "show my truth" as the project says. As I move along in my metals class I learn how to do something new almost every day. When coming up with a design for this project I struggled a little because I didn't want my design to be basic or have the same design as someone else. I wanted to think about how I see myself and this is what I thought of. This is my first time ever creating something like this. I struggled a lot trying to draw her face because I'm not much of an artist but I think it came out very good and I love everything about my piece. This is my truth because she wears her curls out and very proudly and I think her face shows it. I love my project and hope everyone else loves it as well.

Curls, Copper, nickel, \$20

Spencer Imka

My name is Spencer Imka and I am 18 years old. I am a senior at CHHS and I've been living in Cleveland Heights my whole life. I have always been interested in art and creating things. I like to explore the tools and possibilities for creativity that photography and digital art provide and I feel that his project was a great opportunity for me to experiment with those tools.

Conflict Of Interest, Photography, NFS

Anthony Jolivette

I am a Junior at Cleveland Heights High School. I have been taking photos for around a year and have really enjoyed it. In my work I strive to reveal the confluence of nature and humanity. I like to photograph the natural world surrounding humanity, but not conquering it. Chaos and Beauty vs Order and Love.

Comfortable Love, Photography, \$30

Flowing Red, Photography, \$30

Jolene Jones

Im a trans female artist that does art for my own sake, and to make acquaintance with those who may be similar to me or be interested. I mostly prefer toony/cartoon like work but I tend to branch out.

My piece was made to open a dialogue about how I feel I'm seen at my school.

Enjoy Yourself, Pen, watercolor, digital, NFS

Dayshanae' Kennedy

The truth is that everyone deals with body discrimination. In someone's eyes your body is perfect, in someone else's it can be the worst body they've ever seen. No one has to love your body but you. No one option about your body should matter. You're perfect and the most comfortable in your own skin. Bodies come in many different shapes and forms. I made two different shaped bodies and soldered opposite color metal on them. For the shadow box I used 5 picture frames and distressed them with polymer clay flowers, leaves and vines all around. I'm in the process of making it. I'll be done after spring break.

Lotus Flower boom, Copper, brass, gold picture frames, beads, \$80

Chiara Koonce

My name is Chiara and I'm an artist who likes working mainly in watercolors and acrylics. I am inspired a lot by Frida Kahlo, Georgia O' Keeffe, nature, and Pinterest. My piece is just a couple illustrations of myself surrounded by things that at one time or another I'd use every day. The Chinese lantern plants symbolize how I've always been drawn to lanterns and enjoy painting or sketching them, as they're always in the back of my mind. The peonies symbolize bashfulness, and the pansies symbolize thoughts as they float by the notebooks.

A reflection of Me, Watercolor, colored pencils, ink, NFS

Rilyn Manne

My name is Rilyn, I am a sophomore. My artwork is inspired from the things I love, my truth. I enjoy using various materials such as yarn to create art.

Waves, Yarn, string, tape, tissue paper, NFS

Lailah Miles

My name is Lailah Miles. I'm in the 10th grade. The symbol of my project is called the 'Fire Rose Unity' symbol, and it is used for survivors of sexual assault.

Fire Rose, Unity, Metal, \$100

Trudy Motsamai

My name is Trudy Motsamai I am a Junior at Cleveland Heights Highschool. This work took several days to complete and was done in graphite pencil.

Wedding Day, Pencil, NFS

Emma Naypauer

My name is Emma Naypauer and I am a sophomore at Heights. I enjoy creating art and I had fun creating this piece about my truth.

Variations, Acrylic paint, oil pastels, NFS

Sofia Pehowic

My truth piece is about my great respect for nature and my belief that people are polluting the earth with consumerism and greed. I've always been very passionate about the earth and nature. I did many projects on animals when I was younger in school and in fifth grade I made a presentation about pollution. It only made sense that I would do something around that for my piece, and I also mixed it with my love for dystopian settings.

Lost Cause, Tempura, colored pencils, sharpie, NFS

Jean Carlo Quiroz Murillo

I was born in Madrid, Spain, and lived there for 10 years. Art in Spain is very important, especially in school and everyone wants you to get involved in the culture. In 2015, I moved here to the United States for the first time and learned English. I had to get used to this new lifestyle and build my way toward a better future. I enjoy taking pictures and expressing what I perceive around me.

Alien Cat, Photography, NFS

Elizabeth Rosebrock-Hayes

My name is Elizabeth Rosebrock-Hayes and I am a senior at Cleveland Heights High School. I've loved to do art ever since I can remember and hope to pursue it in the future.

Memento Mori, Polymer clay, brass, copper, \$250

Melody Schanz

My name is Mel, I'm an artist, I love to experiment with many different mediums, and ideas. Most of my works are about expression, identity, and the duality between our internal and external selves. I wanted this piece to embody the feeling of anger and frustration, yet passion and bliss. I wanted to show the colorful array of emotions that come with anger, almost all at once. The sadness and pain, that makes you want to hide away and never return, yet feeling trapped like you need to break free from something. As if nothing makes sense anymore, as if it feels like your whole world is shattering beneath you. But I also wanted to give a soft glow to the piece a beautiful glimmer, to show passion and light. How dark and scary these feelings can be, yet how passionate and enlightening they can be. How much we are learning, and with our pain, we will grow.

Colorful Afflictions, Pen, colored pencil, watercolor, pastels, cellophane, NFS

Sara Schubert

I'm Sara Schubert, I'm 16 and I'm a junior at Heights. I was raised surrounded by various forms of art and I've always been creating in some way. I danced for most of my childhood, and when I quit at 15 I found that creating art replaced the feeling that dance did. I like to work with mostly acrylic paint, and I really love incorporating textiles into my pieces. I'm also into photography!

Bound, Acrylic paint, colored pencil, yarn, NFS

Ida Shapiro

My name is Ida Shapiro, I'm 17 and I'm a senior in high school. This piece is an echo of my truth because it is representative of the distance between people who can still have a meaningful connection which is extremely important to me. I love art and while it is not a passion of mine or something I see myself having a future in, I enjoy creating things, especially if they are pieces that are important to me.

Astronomy, String, beads, brass, copper, NFS

Alexandra Shepherd-Boike

Ever since I was little I've loved art no matter the medium. It's always fascinated me and has given me a physical outlet to create my ideas and emotions. This tiny little robot toy represents my experience as an only child. Growing up without siblings and with working parents, I had to use my imagination and creativity to have fun. The wired together pieces illustrate how my independence was built up causing it to become a key part of my personality and mentality.

Independent Innocence, Metal, NFS

Ryan Spalding

My name is Ryan Spalding. I'm a senior at Cleveland Heights High School and I plan to major in Education.

Horses, Newspaper, cardboard, NFS

Willa Sullivan

My name is Willa Sullivan and I am a senior at Cleveland Heights High School. The collection of pictures I have chosen for this show represent my life through images of my community, my friends and family, aesthetics, and the scenery around me.

Collection of Life, Photography, \$30

I Wanna be a Tiger, Photography, \$30

I Wanna be a Tiger II, Photography, \$30

Nataejai Thomas

My name is Nataejai, I am a senior. I am taking a studio art class this year.

Truth Painting, Paint, \$20

Alexander Villanueva

I am Alexander Villanueva, I am in 10th grade and this is my truth. I grew up very close to my older sibling, we were practically twins. When my family moved to Ohio from Florida, we grew even closer. After losing my older sibling it was very difficult - for everyone. This was based on the feeling of overwhelming depression that follows loss, as well as the guilt that consumes people. I used an 8 by 11 inch canvas to create the painting, and attached brass arrows that have writing based around depressive thoughts and have been stabbed into the canvas and super glued in place. I have also used a small wire attached to the arms and tops of the arrows to create the feeling of being unable to escape those thoughts.

Can Axe, Cardboard, aluminum cans, tape, paint, hot glue, NFS

Drowning in Depression, Paint, brass, pen, wire on canvas, NFS

Leaf Earrings, Copper, NFS

Ella Watterson

I am a sophomore at Heights High. I enjoy reading and writing as well as swimming.

My work is loosely based off of the feeling you get reminiscing about past relationships. Friends you may have forgotten, people you don't talk to anymore, stuff like that.

Remembrance, Copper, NFS

Jordyn West

This art piece is based off of one of my favorite TV series called Alice in Borderland. In short the show is about people who where "transported" to a different world and had to play games to stay alive. The show also adds in certain roles of the characters like Alice in Wonderland characters (hints the TV show name) Though I've made up a completely random character for the piece there are still things in the art that symbolize the show for me. For example, the purple in the piece indicates the color of my favorite character, who's role in the show is supposed to be the Cheshire cat. The crown and tiny card you see to the side of the piece represents my second favorite character the queen of hearts. The tear on my character's cheek represents how sad the show really was for me, I cried a lot but it was worth it, 10/10 will watch again. But the most important thing in this piece for me was the snake, the snake represents the toxic thoughts and relationship that went on in the show as the story reached its peak, people lied and betrayed people left and right, even trying to kill them most of the time, it reminded me of a snake.

My Truth, Color pencil, paint, on paper, NFS

Christopher Williams

Being able to get up close and personal with detailed shots is something that I have always enjoyed doing with photography. Focusing on how smaller details can create a bigger picture is something that is important to me. This is why I chose to submit this, being able to get a closer look at things you may not typically see can be pleasing to the eye.

Oliver, Photography, \$30

Malachi Wilson

Malachi Wilson, I have always enjoyed art as a kid and loved making things that look cool. Art is one of my strong suits, and is somewhat therapy for me.

Cloudy Board, Acrylic paint on wooden skateboard, \$100

Ocean Hunt, Magazine, acrylic, \$50

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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.

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