

HEIGHTS **ARTS**

EKPHRASTACY

artists talk +

poets respond

GROUP SHOW

SPOTLIGHT:

PAULA DAMM

July 20th, 2023

WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Heights Writes Community Team

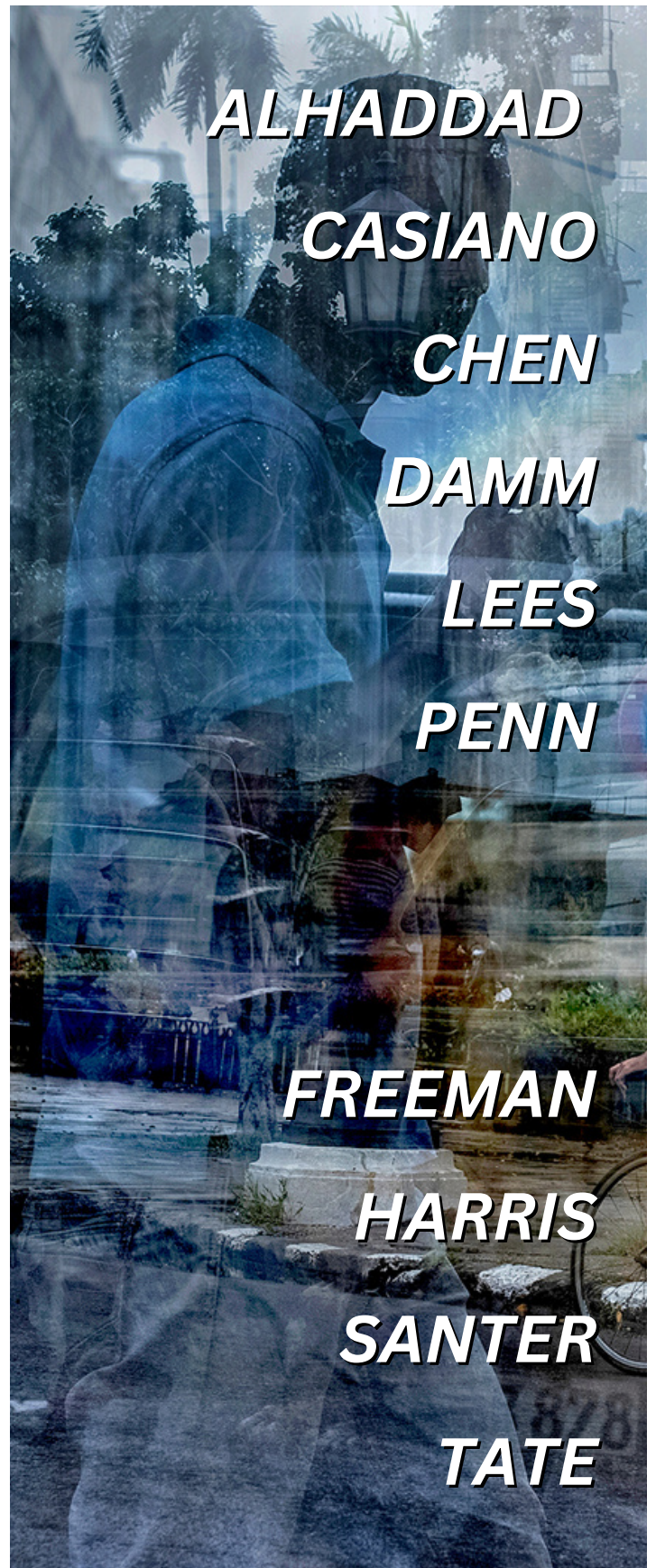
Cathy Barber, John Burroughs, Annie Holden,

Ray McNiece, Amy Rosenbluth, Catherine Wing.



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2175 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio



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COUNCIL



ABOUT THE EXHIBITIONS

Group Show

Group Show is a special exhibition which occurs every 3 years and extends the concept of our Spotlight gallery into our main gallery. The Heights Arts Exhibitions Community Team selects a handful of exceptional artists and, rather than creating a collective theme, presents them as a group solo shows. This year's artists are Sawsan Alhaddad, Bruno Casiano, Yiyun Chen, Charlotte A. Lees, and Donald Penn.

Spotlight: Paula Damm

vestige

: a trace, mark, or visible sign left by something

Starting as a child with shoestring punch cards, Paula Damm's work has grown to encompass weaving, sculpture, photography, embroidery, papermaking, painting, and the unexpected manipulation of all the above. On the shoulders of the women makers who came before, Paula's marks with needle, thread, paper, paint, and cloth share stories that are deeply personal yet universal – loss, love, aging, and connection to others. Paula lives in Cleveland Heights, Ohio and has recently “graduated” after being a school nurse in a high school for 21 years.

PROGRAM

Cameron Gorman
Siaara Freeman

Opening Remarks
Opening Remarks

Donald Penn

Artist Remarks

Siaara Freeman

“Barn and Fence”
After Donald Penn's
Barn and Fence

Rikki Santer

“What Belongs to the
Moment”
After Donald Penn's
The Butoh Dancer

Paula Damm

Artist Remarks

Siaara Freeman

“Letter From My Father”
After Paula Damm's
Letter From My Father

Charlotte A. Lees

Artist Remarks

Rikki Santer

“View”
After Charlotte A. Lees'
The View



PROGRAM

Quartez Harris

“School Bus”
After Yiyun Chen's
School Bus

Quartez Harris

“Relationship”
After Yiyun Chen's
Relationship

Quartez Harris

“Look Up”
After Yiyun Chen's
Look Up

Siaara Freeman

“Snow Day”
After Yiyun Chen's
Snow Day

Rikki Santer

“Of Steamship Steerage”
After Yiyun Chen's
Ship

Bruno Casiano

Artist Remarks

Zuggie Tate

“Together Human”
After Bruno Casiano's
Algo Humano



PROGRAM

Zuggie Tate

“The Green”
After Bruno Casiano's
El Verde

Zuggie Tate

“A listing of happinesses I
deserve”
After Bruno Casiano's
El Carusel

Zuggie Tate

“The Beach Scene of the
Unfilmed Movie”
After Bruno Casiano's
Sombrero

Rikki Santer

“Box Like No Other”
After Bruno Casiano's
Television

Sawsan Alhaddad

Artist Remarks

Siaara Freeman

“Summertime”
After Sawsan Alhaddad's
Summertime

HEART

in the Heights

Together we grow! Heights local businesses are proud supporters of Heights Arts. Thanks to their generosity, raffle tickets you purchase help our creative community flourish, and directly support artists and arts programming in your own backyard.

Help your favorite participating business achieve its goal of raising \$1000 for the Arts during the month of July!

Purchase Raffle Tickets 

HEIGHTS ARTS UPCOMING EVENTS

Collaborage

August 18

Heights Arts partners with No Exit New Music to bring together randomly-formed teams of artists creating collaborative works inspired by Surrealist games.

HEART in the Heights Closing Event

August 20

July may be over, but HEART in the Heights beats on! Throughout the month of August, Heights Arts will announce the winners of each of our raffle packages via social media and on our website. The excitement culminates with our live drawing on August 20, when we will draw winners for our individual raffle prizes from Cleveland Rocks and Beads, and Evening with Jackie Warren, The Fairmount, Mac's Backs, Mitchell's Fine Chocolates, S'il Vous Play, and Shawn Paul Salon. We will also draw the three Value Prize and the Grand Prize winners from our \$2000 package generously provided by our board and city council. This fun event will include live musical entertainment, artist talks, and poetry readings, with a cash bar. RSVP and more information at heightsarts.org.

[More Info: heightsarts.org/heartintheheights/](https://heightsarts.org/heartintheheights/)

EKPHRASTACY:

Ekphrastic poetry is a time-honored form in which the writer is inspired by and responds to a work of art in another discipline such as the visual arts, sculpture, dance and music. The word ekphrastic comes from the Greek word ekphrasis, which means (freely translated) an ecstatic utterance.



POETS

Siaara Freeman

Siaara Freeman is from Cleveland Ohio, where she is the current Lake Erie Siren . She is a 2023 Room in the House fellow with Karamu House Theatre and a 2022 Catapult fellow with Cleveland Public Theater. In 2021 Siaara filmed a commercial for the Cleveland Museum of Art and participated with #TeamYellowBrickRoad for the Black Joy Experience. She is a 2021 Premier Playwright fellow recipient with Cleveland Public Theatre. Her work appears in The Journal, Josephine Quarterly, Cleveland Magazine and elsewhere. She has had multiple poems go viral and has toured both nationally and internationally. Siaara is the Curriculum Development Manager at the Center for Arts-Inspired Learning, and the artistic director for Artworks. She is the current Poet Laureate of Cleveland Heights and University Heights. When she is not working she is likely by a lake, thinking of Toni Morrison and talking to ghosts. Her first full length manuscript *Urbanshee* is available with Button Poetry.

Quartez Harris

Quartez Harris is the Ohio Poetry Association's 2021 Poet of the Year. Harris is the author of *We Made It To School Alive*. He is the first recipient of the Barbara Smith Writer-In-Residence program and a former Baldwin House Fellow. His poetry and ideas have been featured in *The Plain Dealer*,



Quartez Harris

Ideastream, and City Club of Cleveland. Harris is represented by McKinnon Literary Agency. His work in progress is a middle-grade novel.

Rikki Santer

Rikki Santer's poetry has received many honors including several Pushcart, Ohioana and Ohio Poet book award nominations, as well as a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Her twelfth poetry collection, *Resurrection Letter: Leonora, Her Tarot, and Me*, is a sequence in tribute to the surrealist artist Leonora Carrington and was recently published by the arts press Cereal Box Studio. She is a member of the teaching artist roster of the Ohio Arts Council, a vice president of the Ohio Poetry Association, and a founding member of the poetry troupe Concrete Wink. Please contact her through her website, <https://rikkisanter.com>

Zuggie Tate

Zuggie Tate (she/her) is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University with a BA in Sociology. She is the recipient of the Margie's Hope Living Heritage Award in recognition of her work as a poet and advocate for trans issues. She currently works full-time as a writer, performance artist, and gig worker. Zuggie has been published in the *Black Midwest Anthology* and has forthcoming work in *Shade Journal*. She is currently based in Cleveland, OH.

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 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](#)

BECOME A HEIGHTS ARTS MEMBER

Now more than ever, we appreciate your consideration to give to Heights Arts by becoming a member. As a member of Heights Arts, you receive discounts, special invitations, members-only events, and perks from our community partners. Your membership is tax-deductible and you have the opportunity to say you are helping to support local artists, musicians, creative writers, and public art in the community. You'll have your finger on the pulse of all things Heights Arts. What are you waiting for?

Join us today! Membership information can be found on our website [HERE](#)

OPEN CALL FOR HOLIDAY STORE 2023 ARTISTS

A curated show of works by more than 100 artists and artisans, the Holiday Store fills the entire Heights Arts gallery on Lee Road with fine art prints, paintings, and photographs; functional art in ceramics, glass, wood, and fiber; plus jewelry, clothing, music, handmade artist cards, books, and distinctive holiday items. We are especially interested in jewelry, housewares and functional pieces, handmade textiles, items for children, non-Christmas holiday items (Hanukkah, Rohatsu, Advent, Solstice, Kwanzaa), ornaments, books, and self-care products.

Apply to sell work in our 2023 Holiday Store [HERE](#)

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