

# **Ekphrastacy:**

artists talk + poets respond

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"Members Show" &
Spotlight: Felice
Dahlhausen

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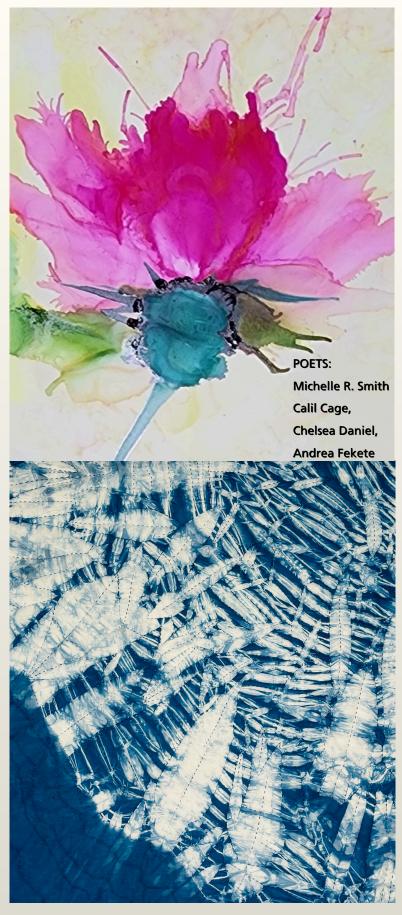
WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO THE HEIGHTS WRITES COMMUNITY TEAM

Team Members: John Burroughs, Ray McNiece, Eryka Parker, Amy Rosenbluth, Catherine Wing



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## **ABOUT THE EXHIBITIONS**

## **Members Show**

Heights Arts presents the Bi-Annual Members Show, an exciting exhibition featuring the varied talents of our 40 members, including both working artists and passionate hobbyists. On view from August 15 to October 12, 2025, this showcase celebrates the creativity and individuality of our community, highlighting the wide array of artistic expressions that our members bring to life. The Members Show is a unique opportunity to experience the richness of our local art scene, as it encompasses a variety of styles, mediums, and perspectives. Each piece reflects the unique journey of the artist, offering insights into their inspirations, techniques, and creative processes.

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## Spotlight: Felice Dahlhausen

Art has always been a big part of Felice's life. She earned a BFA from Kent State University in Art Education and enjoyed teaching high school art students for thirty-two years.

In 2014 she created Felice Quilt Designs and began to produce quilts and patterns to teach others. She has presented at quilt guilds, taught classes and has had work accepted into regional and international quilt and art shows such as the International Quilt Festival, Pacific International Quilt Show, Erie Art Museum, Bay Arts Annual Show, Heights Arts Spotlight Gallery, Mansfield Art Center, Valley Art Center, and New Masters 3: Women Artists of NE Ohio. Felice's work Dyeing for A Cup of Tea is part of the Frank Klein Art Quilt Collection. Her work has been in articles in Art Quilting Studio and Quiltmania magazines.

Felice decided to create fiber art strictly for her artistic growth and invest time in building a body of work she currently shares on her website and in shows. She loves travel, nature, and art and finds inspiration in all.

Felice is a member of international and local fiber arts organizations such as Studio Art Quilt Associates, Northern Ohio Textile Artists, and Layers of Textile Art. You can find more information about Felice at www.felicequiltdesigns.com Currently, she has been experimenting with different surface design techniques such as Shibori resist dyeing and thickened dye printing as a sour for her art quilt works. She considers stitches to be an integral textural option in using her artistic voice. She considers herself a life-long learner to improve and inspire her creative process in fiber arts.

Rachel Bernstein	Opening Remarks
Michelle R. Smith	Opening Remarks
Marguerite Betts	Artist Remarks
Calil Cage	Arcade
Abby Star	Artist Remarks
Andrea Fekete	Let It Split Open
Michelle R. Smith	My Thing with Daffodils
Julie Sheil	Artist Remarks
Chelsea Daniel	Renewal
Cynthia Bearer	Artist Remarks
Michelle R. Smith	Life is a Bowl of Peaches
Felice Dahlhausen	Artist Remarks

Nature's Stamp **Calil Cage** Indigo Burst **Chelsea Daniel** At the Shore **Chelsea Daniel Artist Remarks Paula Zinsmeister** Flowerbones: Rebirth, revolution **Andrea Fekete** Michelle R. Smith Lessons in Love from the Famous Victim Hyacinthus Michelle R. Smith ars America: peony **Barney Taxel Artist Remarks Andrea Feket** Laura's Saudade\* Michelle R. Smith Says the winter-weary maple to his friend the snowy owl **Artist Remarks** Jim Pojman Ode to Anjali / Eight Calil Cage **Artist Remarks Rachel Kabelitz** this is how you save us, said the eyes of the otters Michelle R. Smith **Artist Remarks** Linda Nickman elevation Michelle R. Smith

## **HEIGHTS ARTS UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Saturday, September 20 | 5:30 p.m.

Heights Music Hop

Performances by local musicians Ava Leone (5:30 - 6:30) and Synergy (7:30 - 8:30). Presented by Future Heights, this is a one-of-a-kind music festival combines great local music with local businesses in Cleveland Heights. F R

#### Thursday, October 09 | 7:00 p.m.

Gallery Concert: Amani Strings

Amani Strings is the collaborative project of Afro-Colombian cellist Carolina Borja and Ismail Douglas, a multi-instrumentalist specializing in the kora, guitar, and various traditional instruments from around the world. F R

#### Friday, October 10 | 5:00 p.m.

Last Look: Bi-Annual Members Show & Spotlight

Enjoy the final opportunity to view the exhibition while mingling with artists and enjoying beverages from our cash bar. F R

#### Sunday, October 12 | 3:00 p.m.\*

Close Encounters: In Celebration of Ravel

Cleveland Orchestra musicians Lisa Boyko, viola, and Ioana Missits, violin, will join Mari Sato, violin, and Mingyao Zhao, cello, in our first Close Encounters concert of the year. T



Michelle R. Smith is a writer, poet, educator, cultural facilitator, and native Clevelander. She is the Programming Director for Literary Cleveland and author of the poetry collections Ariel in Black (2015) and The Vagina Analogues (2020). She has been published in The Normal School, The Gasconade Review, New Note Poetry, Merge Magazine, and io Literary Magazine. She is also the creator, co-producer, and director of BLAX MUSEUM, an annual performance showcase for Northeast Ohio artists open to all forms and dedicated to honoring notable black figures in American history and culture.

Calil "JUST C.O.S." Cage is a spoken word artist, author, and speaker. As the founder, he currently serves as the Executive Director of The Sparrow's Fortune, a community oriented literary arts organization, and the host of Poetry Unplugged, an open mic platform. From being marked as a Karamu House "Room in the House" Fellow to being a recipient of the ADAMHS Board's Helping Hands Award, Calil is decorated in the field of merging poetry with advocacy. Learn more about him and get in contact at www.justcos902.com.



Chelsea Daniel is a Cleveland-born poet whose work blends the intimate and the collective, illuminating the layered histories of Black and queer American life. Drawing on her background in survivor advocacy, she crafts trauma-informed writing that transforms lived experience into art. A graduate of Cleveland State University with a BA in English and Creative Writing, Daniel is a 2015 Voices of Our Nation Arts Foundation (VONA) nonfiction fellow, where she was mentored by Stacey Ann Chin. The current Breakthrough Writing Resident is developing her debut poetry manuscript exploring memory, resilience, and quiet revolutions of the soul.

Andrea Fekete's MA thesis, Waters Run Wild, a novel of the WV coal mine wars describing women's children's, and immigrant life in coal camps, received acclaim from New Letters Magazine and American Book Review in 2010. (Sweetgum Press. 2010. Guestroom Press. 2018). Winner of Blue Earth Review Summer Dog Daze Prize in CNF. (2024) She co-curated Feminine Rising: Voices of Power and Invisibility (Cynren Press) Foreword Review Silver Winner for Indie Book of the Year in women's studies. Her work appears in journals and anthologies such as Novus Literary Journal and Chiron Review.

She earned her MA in English from Marshall University and MFA in Creative Writing (fiction) from WV Wesleyan College. She has taught at multiple institutions including Marshall University, Ohio University Southern, Ashland CTC, and recently, Tri-C. She will appear at the Cleveland Heights Museum of Art for the Ekphrastic poetry night. You can also follow her and read discussions of her work on Goodreads.com.

#### 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

## Post-Event Survey Raffle

Complete this survey to be entered to win a \$50 Heights Arts Store gift card in mid Nov!

https://heightsarts.wufoo.com/forms/m14zkww31ot0lfl/

After completing the survey, please show our designated volunteer your completed form and fill out a name card to drop into the Raffle Jar

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