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# **New Voices for the Twenties**

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SEFA NYC is devoting the summer to a series of exhibitions highlighting the work of Fine Art Graduates of 2020 and 2021

Walter's Cube is donating their technology to digitize and archive the exhibitions online as immersive, 3D viewing rooms

Part I	Part II	Virtual Exhibitions
May 27 – July 8, 2021	July 15 – August 26, 2021	Ongoing throughout the
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We are delighted to announce that SEFA NYC is dedicating the summer of 2021 to a series of live and virtual exhibitions featuring the work of art students who graduated with either a BFA or MFA in 2020 or 2021. The two live shows have been curated by Emily Miraglia, Gallery Associate, SEFA NYC; and the series of virtual exhibitions will be curated by a selection of international curators, critics, gallerists and art advisors.

The 13 artists chosen for *New Voices for the Twenties Part I* come from as far afield as Honduras, Mexico, China and all throughout the US. They have graduated from art departments at a range of private colleges and universities: Bard, Chapman, MCAD, Parsons, Pratt, RISD, RIT, SCAD, St. John's University, SUNY Purchase and Yale. We are delighted to present such a diverse and talented scope of young graduates, whose disciplines include painting, drawing, photography, textile, printmaking and sculpture.

When the pandemic caused schools across the nation to go remote in March 2020, arts institutions and departments were no exception. As students made the difficult transition to Zoom lectures and online exams, many fine arts students faced additional challenges: What space would they make work in? How could they collaborate with others? What would they do without access to usual materials and equipment? As the 2020 school year came to a close with

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no end to the pandemic in sight, many students realized that they could not present their final projects in the usual year-end capacity.

With a mission to turn the spotlight onto the achievements of these young artists, robbed of normal activities by COVID-19, SEFA put out a Call for Submissions in March. The day after we announced the Call, Balazs Farago, CEO of Walter's Cube, offered his company's software gratis to enable our gallery to expand the number of accepted applicants, both nationally and internationally. Walter's Cube's generous donation of its time and technology will enable us to curate a series of virtual shows in a digital duplicate of our physical space on the UWS.

We received just under 200 applications from graduates of state schools, conservatories, private colleges and universities throughout the U.S. Miraglia selected 24 artists for the two separate live exhibitions; the guest curators will draw from some 70 artists for each respective digital show.

### Part I

Jared Abner, Ronan Day-Lewis, Tyler DeHaarte, Buwei Hu, Emily Hunt, Coco Ma, Caterina Maina, Anna Maité Kaplan, Bonnie Mullins, Lily Nickel, Visakha Jane Phillips, Francisco Rocha Salazar and Fernando Zelaya

## Part II

Luke Alex Atkinson, Lydia Crouse, Stella Egelja, Ana Maria Farina, Carley Gmitro, John J. Hartford, Brendan Kenny, Joshua Leff, Richard Liu, Josh Meillier and Jenny Rafalson



Susan Eley Fine Art is excited to partner with Walter's Cube, who is generously donating their time and technology for our series of student exhibitions this summer. Walter's Cube digitizes exhibitions as immersive 3D online viewing rooms. In addition to digitizing the two physical exhibitions in our New York City gallery, we plan to host additional virtual programming, featuring the art of 2020 and 2021's talented graduates.

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### **CURATORS**

Barnabas Bencsik Former director of the Ludwig Museum, Budapest, Hungary

Lee Cavaliere Former curator at the Tate Modern, founder and CEO of The Sixteen

Trust, London, UK

Emmanuelle Day Curator and lecturer at the Louvre and the Pompidou, Paris, France

Monika Fabijanska Art historian, curator and art appraiser, New York, NY

Lavínia D. Freitas Independent curator and founder of international curatorial platform

APERT $\Omega$ ARTS, Germany

Sarah Goffstein Artist, writer and art advisor, New York, NY

Susie Guzman Former director of Hauser & Wirth, independent art advisor and curator,

New York, NY

Nunu Hung Curator and founder of Nunu Fine Art, Taipei, Taiwan

Patrick Meagher Artist and co-founder of Walter's Cube, New York, NY

Emily Miraglia Assistant director at Susan Eley Fine Art, New York, NY

Alaina Simone Artist liaison, curator and founder of Alaina Simone Inc., an artist

management agency, New York, NY

Hannah Song Curator and director of the gallery ArtFlow, Seoul, South Korea

Lilly Wei Art critic for Art in America, ARTnews, artcritical.com and more,

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