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Announcing the 2020 Exhibitions for the New Haven Free Public Library's Ives Gallery

NEW HAVEN – City Librarian and Director John Jessen is pleased to announce the 2020 exhibitions for the New Haven Free Public Library's Ives Gallery located at 133 Elm Street:

- ***Raíces sin Fronteras / Roots Without Borders* | Works by Miguel Angel Mendoza Melchor**
January 25 – March 20, 2020
- ***Creative Minds - The Art of New Haven Youth* | Works by New Haven Public School Students**
March 28 – May 15, 2020
- ***The Mane Event: Kinks, Coils, and in Between Those Roots* | Works by Demeree Douglas**
May 22 – July 17, 2020
- ***You're Fired! I Quit!* | Works by Sarah Schneiderman**
July 25 – September 18, 2020
- ***Adae Fine Art Academy Student Exhibition 2020* | Curated by Kwadwo Adae**
September 26 – November 13, 2020
- ***Between You and Me: Transitional Comics* | Works by KC Councilor**
November 21, 2020 – January 15, 2021

The Ives Gallery is proud to exhibit work that reflects and celebrates the rich diversity of greater New Haven's cultural community. The Library was excited to receive proposals from artists and organizations within the greater New Haven community.

Proposals were reviewed by a panel of specialists. During the review of proposals, panelists considered artistic experience; appropriateness of the work for the Ives Gallery and public community; how the work reflects the diversity of the community and/or provides opportunity for community enrichment or engagement; applicant's readiness for an exhibition; and quality and completeness of the application.

For the 2020 panel we were thrilled to have the following community members participate:

Cate Barry is a queer portrait photographer recently relocated to New Haven from Madison, Wisconsin. She lives in the Edgewood neighborhood of New Haven with her long-time partner KC, a comics artist and professor, and their dog, Memphis. Photographing people is her life's joy.

Luciana McClure is an artist, art educator, independent curator and a selfless advocate and a fierce motivator of social change through artistic expression and activism. She is the founding organizer of the Nasty Women Movement in Connecticut and leads Nasty Women Connecticut. She unites communities, amplifies the voices of minorities and raises resources for countless organizations throughout Connecticut while utilizing the arts.

Luciana is an immigrant of Brazil and she currently resides in Connecticut where she is a faculty professor of photography at Creative Arts Workshop, a Museum Educator at the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, and an exhibiting fine art photographer. Most recently Luciana has been awarded the 2019 CT Arts Hero award through the CT Office of the Arts for extraordinary work in the arts, for the arts, and through the arts.

Eric L. Rey is a dynamic speaker and facilitator with a talent for bringing people together. He began his career working with men and women returning home from incarceration to help them find the basics like a job and housing to more elusive things fulfillment, and resilience. Eric also serves as a coach to nonprofit executives, new entrepreneurs, and is a mediator and a trainer. Creating spaces of inclusion and safety are his strengths and reflect his passion for people. In addition to his private coaching practice through Potent Perspective Coaching, he also started a soup delivery service with his brother called Sopa! New Haven.

About the New Haven Free Public Library

The New Haven Free Public Library welcomes nearly 900,000 visitors annually through our front doors and digital portals, realizing its mission of fostering lifelong learning, inspiring curiosity, and building community through shared access to resources, experiences, and opportunities for all. The library system includes the Ives Memorial Library on the historic New Haven Green, 24/7 online services, the Readmobile bringing books to early childhood learning centers, and four neighborhood libraries: Fair Haven, Mitchell, Stetson and Wilson. Now and tomorrow, the New Haven Free Public Library will transform lives and contribute to creating a strong, resilient, and informed community where everyone can thrive.



The New Haven Free Public Library is a 2019 winner of the National Medal for Museum and Library Service awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The National Medal is the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries for distinctive service to their communities. For more information, visit nhfpl.org.

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