



## Press Release

# Resilience: Art & Design in Times of Uncertainty

May 3 – 24, 2022

Visiting Hours: 10 am - 6 pm Monday - Friday, Saturdays and Sundays by appointment.  
University City Arts League  
4226 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA

## About

Philadelphia, PA: Resilience is a defining characteristic of an emerging generation of artists and designers. 2020 was a year of pause, as the collective shock from the pandemic rippled through our social fabric and into our most personal lives. It was a call for transformation with respect to every aspect of the world. Who are we when we are alone and what are our roles in our communities? How can we become part of something bigger than ourselves? In a time of ongoing social and political upheaval and a growing environmental crisis, we have had to continuously adapt our routines and reconsider the ways in which we relate to each other and the spaces around us. In taking on different forms, these relationships have revealed a new personal and collective resilience.

This exhibition brings together fifteen artists from a variety of backgrounds and mediums who reflect on these questions and the multifaceted nature of resilience. Sculpture, painting, and embroidery based works explore resilience through a personal and historical lens, while digital abstractions of landscapes pose questions about our built and natural environments. In other pieces, photography and documentation practices create space for reflection on memory and these distinctive moments in time.

From an initial call for submissions in March, this show bridges new connections between young artists from across Philadelphia schools, including Drexel University, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Tyler School of Art and Architecture at Temple University, and the College of Arts & Sciences and the Stuart Weitzman School of Design at the University of Pennsylvania.

Works were curated by Co-Editors Eleanor Shemtov and Adrianna Brusie, Caroline Jones, and Avery Givens Nardone. Our second print issue, t-art magazine / volume 2 includes works featured in the exhibition along with additional stories and interviews surrounding the theme of resilience.

15% of all proceeds from artwork sales will be donated to CARE to provide humanitarian and medical aid to Ukraine.

This project was made possible by the Kelly Writers House Creative Ventures Fund.



Hainuo Shi, *Nian Ye Fan (New Year's Eve)*, 2022



## Participating Artists

Sudeep Bhargava  
Storm "X" Brewer  
Lara Bros  
Neill Jordan Frianeza Catangay  
Kate Coyne  
Kristina Denzel Bickford  
Ash Garner - THECOLORG  
Amy Krimm  
Laura Li  
Hannah Pacitti  
Eleanor Shemtov  
Hainuo Shi  
Talia Valenti  
Generation Pandemic

University City Arts League is the neighborhood hub for arts education in West Philadelphia. Our contemporary art center champions intergenerational learning with a wide array of visual and performing arts programs, classes, workshops and residencies. We are committed to our relationships with surrounding schools, community centers, individuals and our neighbors. Historically dedicated to cultivating and sustaining new talent by way offering consistent paid opportunities, professional development and exhibiting space to the broader arts community. The Arts League functions as an amplifier for creative voices of all backgrounds, providing the space for exploration, growth and joy.

t-art magazine is a student-run publication based at the University of Pennsylvania that exists at the intersection of art and technology to create a dialogue between interdisciplinary creative fields. By bridging the gap between artists and innovators within the Penn community and beyond, our print and digital magazine explores the collaborative potential to push the boundaries of art and design.

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