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## *Transformer20: Retrospective Exhibition & Benefit Auction*

GW Corcoran School of the Arts and Design

November 11 - December 10, 2022

Online Benefit Auction through 5 PM Saturday, November 19, 2022

On the occasion of our 20th anniversary, Transformer presents *Transformer20*—a dynamic, large-scale exhibition taking place at George Washington University’s Corcoran School of the Arts and Design November 11 - December 10, featuring one hundred artworks by artists from across our twenty years of exhibitions, as well as a deep dive into the organization’s extensive archives.



Over the last two decades, Transformer has supported exceptionally talented and thoughtful emerging artists locally, nationally and internationally, while maintaining an artist-centered approach that encourages experimentation in all aspects of exhibition making, from content and creation, to process and presentation. Since its very first exhibition *Mica & Misaki* opened in June 2002, Transformer has remained true to its mission to connect, elevate, and serve emerging artists and arts leaders, dedicated to presenting what is new and next in contemporary art. The organization has presented 545+ exhibitions and programs, developed partnerships with 70+ cultural institutions and 24+ countries — working with more than 3,200 artists, curators and cultural workers.

*“The Corcoran School of the Arts and Design is proud to be hosting Transformer20 and welcoming back the Transformer community to the Flagg Building. The longstanding partnership between the Corcoran and Transformer has been essential to our growth and identity. Congratulations to Victoria Reis and Transformer for your tireless work in supporting emerging artists and cultural leaders,”* - Dr. Lauren Onkey, Director of the Corcoran School of the Arts and Design.

*Transformer20* is co-curated by Victoria Reis, Transformer Co-Founder, Artistic and Executive Director and Georgie Payne, Transformer Staff 2013-2019, Exhibition and Programs Manager from 2015-2019. The retrospective exhibition chronicles the organization’s legacy of presenting innovative, multi-faceted exhibitions and programs, both independently and through global partnerships, while also highlighting the work of artists that have been essential to establishing Transformer’s ethos and aesthetic. All *Transformer20* artworks presented are available for sale via an online auction benefit that runs through November 19. Proceeds will support current and future generations of artists, with a 50/50 sales split on proceeds between participating *Transformer20* artists and Transformer.

*Transformer20* special programming (detailed below) includes curatorial walk throughs, artist presentations, and a *FlatFile* pop up exhibition within the GW Corcoran Rotunda gallery.

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Widely recognized by artists and growing communities of supporters for substantially supporting and advancing emerging artists and experimental cultural production in Washington, D.C. and beyond, Transformer is thrilled to have this opportunity to highlight our achievements, and those of the exceptional artists who have been part of our continued trajectory. *Transformer20* is both a look back at Transformer's work with artists and a myriad of collaborators, as well as an invitation to support our future.

## *Transformer20* Artists include:

Geoffrey Aldridge  
Sascha Appelhoff  
Eames Armstrong\*  
Eli Barak  
Holly Bass\*  
Breck Omar Brunson\*  
Dario Carratta  
Jessica Cebra\*  
Mei Mei Chang  
Billy Colbert  
Cynthia Connolly\*  
Lely Constantinople  
Hoesy Corona  
Lily Cox-Richard  
Alexander D'Agostino  
Rex Delafkaran  
Lily deSaussure  
Dahlia Elsayed & Andrew Demirjian  
Tamar Ettun  
Yacine Tilala Fall\*  
Mia Feuer\*  
Carl FK Pao  
Thom Flynn  
Emily Francisco  
Adrienne Gaither  
Hélène Garcia  
Alessandro Gianni  
Stephen Gibson  
Maps Glover  
Alexis Gomez\*

Saúl Gómez  
Felipe Goncalves  
Elizabeth Graeber  
Pat Graham  
Adam Griffiths  
Jeremy Haik  
Ryan Hill\*  
Matt Hollis  
James Huckenpahler\*  
Amy Hughes Braden\*  
David Ibata\*  
Erick Jackson  
Chandi Kelley\*  
Victor Koroma  
Nilay Lawson\*  
Hatnim Lee\*  
Marissa Long\*  
Sandra Luckett  
Jameson Magrogan  
Carolina Mayorga  
Taylor McKimens  
J. Morrison  
Megan Mueller  
My Barbarian  
Ryan Carroll Nelson\*  
Joseph Orzal\*  
Piero Passacantando\*  
Vesna Pavlović  
Andrea Polichetti

Alanna Reeves  
Ding Ren\*  
Lauren Rice  
MichaelAngelo Rodriguez\*  
Raúl Romero  
Bonner Sale  
Mica Scalin\*  
Sheldon Scott  
Joaquin Segura  
Johab Silva\*  
Farrah Skeiky  
Hannah Spector\*  
Molly Springfield\*  
Melanie Standage  
Zach Storm\*  
Jay Stuckey  
Scott Szegeski  
TANG\*  
Christine Buckton Tillman  
Lisa Marie Thalhammer  
Kelly Towles  
Antonia Tricarico  
Ryota Unno  
Jenny Walton\*  
Jennifer Wen Ma  
Martha Wilson  
Naoko Wowsugi

\* Indicates GW, Corcoran College of Corcoran School of the Arts and Design student and faculty alumni

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## EXHIBITION PROGRAMMING:

Sat. Nov 12, 1:30 PM

### TRANSFORMER20 CURATORIAL WALK THROUGH

Join *Transformer20* co-curators Victoria Reis and Georgie Payne for a curatorial walk through of the retrospective exhibition within the GW Corcoran School of the Arts & Design Flagg Building atrium.

Sat. Nov 19, 1:30 - 3 PM

### TRANSFORMER20 ARTIST SPOTLIGHTS

Last day of *Transformer20* Online Auction bidding! Join us in the GW Corcoran Flagg Building atrium for a series of 15 minute artist spotlights by artists from *Transformer20* speaking about their work and connection to Transformer.

Sat. Dec 3, 1 – 4 PM

### FLATFILE POPUP

A special pop up exhibition of works for sale in Transformer's *FlatFile* collection being presented in the Corcoran's Flagg Building rotunda. Co-Curated by Rex Delafkaran & Nancy Daley of *but, also*.

**Exhibition Hours:** Wednesday – Saturday, 1 – 5 PM, Closed Nov. 24 & 25.

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*t r a n s f o r m e r* is a Washington, DC based 501 (c) 3 artist-centered, non-profit visual arts organization. Founded in June 2002 by artists & arts organizers, Transformer provides a consistent, supportive, and professional platform for emerging artists to explore and present experimental artistic concepts, build audiences for their work, and advance their careers. A catalyst and advocate for contemporary artists and emergent expression in the visual arts, Transformer connects and promotes emerging visual artists within regional, national and international contexts through innovative exhibition and programs partnerships with a broad & diverse range of individual and organizational partners.

*t r a n s f o r m e r*'s 2022/23 Exhibition Series and programs are supported by: The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, Corcoran Women's Committee, The CrossCurrents Foundation, The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities/NEA, The Robert Lehman Foundation, The Sachiko Kuno Foundation, The National Endowment for the Visual Arts, Truist Foundation, The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Transformer's Board and Advisory Council, and The Visionary Leaders Circle – a growing group of individual donors & corporate sponsors. *Transformer20* is additionally supported by The Corcoran School of the Arts and Design at the George Washington University.