

# RIVER NORTH DESIGN DISTRICT HOSTS 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FALL GALLERY WALK SEPTEMBER 9

Presented by Daniel Kinkade Fine Art



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*The River North Fall Gallery Walk is back and it's our biggest year yet! Twenty-one design showrooms and galleries will come alive with art from some of the brightest talents on the scene, paired with vignettes from Chicago's top designers. The result? Insta-worthy feasts for the eye to inspire anyone who wants to make their home a beautiful haven.*

(Chicago July 7, 2022) The River North Design District proudly announces this year's annual River North Fall Gallery Walk on September 9. The walk is comprised of 22 locations with special events throughout River

North, featuring 31 artists and 20 designer vignettes. The Gallery Walk's philanthropic partner is St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which will receive a portion of proceeds.

The walk is free and open to the public except for opening night parties. Showrooms will have extended hours on September 9 and will offer food and libations (details below). The vignettes will be on display until October 10.

The event's host committee includes WGN newscaster Dina Bair; Joanne Nemerovski of Joanne Sells Chicago; Randy Fifield of Randy Fifield Modern Living; Candace Jordan of Chicago Star Media/[CandidCandace.com](http://CandidCandace.com) and Andrew and Jonathan Landan.

*"As we take pause and reflect on the past year, we are thrilled to celebrate with our industry and art and design enthusiasts with a special experiential evening at the Gallery Walk. We are featuring brilliant and collected artists from all over the world paired with some of the most coveted Chicago designers. We're solidifying our presence not just as design centers, but as partners supporting the rich, vibrant art community of the River North neighborhood."*—Mike Cao, president, River North Design District

The Gallery Walk kicks off with Mambo Italiano, a VIP reception at Alitalia Furniture, a new showroom in our district, where Ilene Chase Design has created a designer vignette highlighting art by Connie Noyes. For one night only view exhibition by renowned artist Stephen Burks presented by GRAFF. In a fantastical bedroom suite, color and texture converge, and whimsy takes a front seat. Join us for a colorful cocktail and delight in fanciful appetizers. Gain insight into your future through an aura reading presented by Sherwin-Williams.

At an After Party presented by Brizo® and Delta Chicago, attendees will be guided through a series of sensory experiences by professional meditation and event firm MindCurate while enjoying entertainment, food and libations. A silent auction will feature art generously donated by the featured RNDD artists—100% of auction proceeds will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The After Party will be hosted at Architectural Artifacts.

VIP Kickoff Party tickets are \$35 each and After Party tickets are \$95 each if purchased in advance. After August 9<sup>th</sup>, Kickoff tickets are \$45 each and After Party tickets are \$125 each. Tickets go on sale July 1. Proceeds benefit the not-for-profit River North Design District and fund yearly programming. A portion of proceeds will also benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which is leading the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

We are proud to be working with the following partners: Brizo and Delta Chicago, Daniel Kinkade Fine Art, Joanne Sells Chicago, Sherwin-Williams, Terrazzo & Marble Supply Companies, 21c Museum Hotel, SOFA Chicago, Luxe Interiors + Design, Chicago Gallery News, Architectural Artifacts, The Other Art Fair, Art Encounter, Illinois Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers, MindCurate, Architectural Artifacts, Mammoth Distilling, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Check our [website](#) for periodic event updates.

*"I love that the walk is free and accessible to everyone, allowing the general public to participate in a world—art and design—that often feels closed off. Anyone can visit the showrooms and see art in a way they could use it in their own homes. The showrooms provide the perfect backdrop for art. Events such as the Gallery Walk are more important than ever as we focus on ensuring our home environments—which increasingly double as our offices—are both functional and inspiring."* -Daniel Kinkade

Participants include:

**•Ilene Chase Design featuring artist Connie Noyes and Michelle Hartney of Daniel Kinkade Fine Art and special exhibition by sculptor Stephen Burks presented by GRAFF at Alitalia Furniture**

- Jessica Margot Design featuring Joanna Cutri of Daniel Kinkade Fine Art at 210 Design House
- Nora Schneider Interior Design featuring Eric Gushee and Salvador Dominguez at Armazem.design
- Jasmin Reese Interiors featuring Amy Donaldson of Gallery 1871 at Artists Frame Service
- Francis Blaine Interiors featuring Dragica Carlin and Michael Boroniec of Daniel Kinkade Fine Art at bulthaup
- Kelly Hurliman Interior Design featuring Linc Thelen of Daniel Kinkade Fine Art at The Luxury Bed Collection
- Suzan Hadaway Design with Nate Szarmach and Juliette Clovis of Daniel Kinkade Fine Art at Ligne Roset
- Chelsey Jackel of Xced Design Build featuring Bojana Ilic- BOJITT at Daltile
- London Walder Interior Design featuring Dana De Ano and Diane Schroeder of Daniel Kinkade Fine Art at eggemann
- Centaur Interiors featuring Lea Fisher at Samuel Lynne Galleries
- Alissa Johnson Interiors featuring Jonathan Pliego and Stephen Burks at Studio41
- Hailey Lauren Designs featuring Zachary Weber at TOTO
- Courtney Casey Interiors featuring Tianna Bracey at Kohler Signature Store by Studio41
- Staci Munic Interiors featuring Roger J Carter of Daniel Kinkade Fine Art at Orizzonti
- Bridgette Haulenbeek Interiors, Inc. featuring Dennis Lee Mitchell of Zolla Lieberman and Steven Haulenbeek at Oscar Isberian
- Michael Del Piero Good Design featuring Matthew Nguyen at Cosentino City
- Elizabeth Krueger Design featuring Josephine Cardin of Daniel Kinkade Fine Art at Roca Tile
- Amhad Freeman Interiors featuring Joanne Trestrail at O'Brien Harris
- Shakoor Interiors featuring Pamela Staker and Kate Blacklock of Daniel Kinkade Fine Art at Prestige Designs
- Elizabeth Scott Design Group featuring Christian Voigt at Hilton | Asmus Contemporary
- Buzz Spector and Jamie Adams at Zolla Lieberman Gallery
- Tim Klein at Framebridge

### **Event Recap**

#### **Opening Night: Friday, September 9th**

All showroom events are FREE (with the exception of the Kickoff and After Parties) and open to the public from 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

#### **Kickoff Party**

Altalia 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

410 W. Grand Ave.

Tickets available at: <https://rivernorthdesigndistrict.com/rn-dd-fall-gallery-walk/>

#### **After Party presented by Brizo® and Delta Chicago**

Architectural Artifacts 8 p.m.-11 p.m.

1065 N. Orleans St.

Tickets available at: <https://rivernorthdesigndistrict.com/rn-dd-fall-gallery-walk/>

#### **Open House: Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

All showrooms are free and open to the public from 12 p.m.-4 p.m.

Please visit <https://rivernorthdesigndistrict.com/rn-dd-fall-gallery-walk/> for more information, updates, and to purchase tickets. Space is limited.

### **FULL SCHEDULE OF OPENING NIGHT EVENTS:**

#### **Designer hi-res images:**

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3k9brzbt7uwp5o7/AAB8FpZRXTxzoHiSPRVN5ceoa?dl=0>

**Kick-off party:**

**Ilene Chase Design featuring artist Connie Noyes and Michelle Hartney of Daniel Kinkade Fine Art and special exhibition by sculptor Stephen Burks presented by GRAFF at Altalia Furniture**

410 W. Grand Ave.

Mambo Italiano! Kick off your evening with us and enjoy works from Connie Noyes and Michelle Hartney. Enter a fantastical bedroom suite created by Ilene Chase Design, where color and texture converge and whimsy takes a front seat. Join us for a colorful cocktail and delight in fanciful appetizers while you groove to a DJ. Gain insight to your future courtesy of an aura reading presented by Sherwin-Williams. For one night only—preview a very special installation by renowned sculptor Stephen Burks presented by GRAFF.

**Catch the trolley to the After Party, courtesy Terrazzo & Marble Supply Companies.** Trolley locations are indicated on program book maps. Pick ups begin at 7:45 p.m. at these stops:

bulthaup Chicago | 313 W. Superior St./ Suite 109

210 Design House | 210 W. Illinois St.

**After Party:**

**Presented by Brizo® and Delta Chicago at Architectural Artifacts**

1065 N. Orleans St.

Join us for **H2VOGUE: A Life Aquatic – an oasis combining culture and couture for the home.** The meditation and events firm MindCurate transforms the world of Brizo® into an extraordinary event that delights the senses. Nosh and enjoy libations that include a special signature cocktail by Mammoth Distilling. DJ Disko Kitty rocks the house while you bid on one-of-a-kind items from our Gallery Walk artists. One hundred percent of auction proceeds go to our partner St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

**Francis Blaine Interiors featuring Dragica Carlin of Daniel Kinkade Fine Art at bulthaup**

313 W. Superior St., Suite 109

Francis Blaine Interiors, Daniel Kinkade Fine Art, and bulthaup feature the striking work of London-based artist Dragica Carlin via a modern backdrop of a transformed showroom reflecting a time inspired by an era of regency, culture, romance, and refinement. Celebrating the artist's origins and graceful imagery, Francis Blaine Interiors will highlight the contrast between old and new. Who knows? Maybe Lady Whistledown will show up.

\*Trolley Stop

**Nora Schneider Interior Design featuring Eric Gushee and Salvador Dominguez at Armazem.design**

212 W. Superior St.

Feeling dangerous? Nora Schneider will weave her edgy magic with Eric Gushee and Salvador Dominguez at Armazem. Grab a cocktail, Brazilian bites and enjoy live music. Trust us, you don't want to miss this.

**Elizabeth Krueger Design featuring Josephine Cardin of Daniel Kinkade Fine Art at Roca Tile**

215 W. Illinois St.

The theme here is "Focus." Krueger and Cardin's vignette display a variety of shapes and materiality chosen to express their combined perspectives. The space will showcase pieces from Elizabeth Krueger Design's new furniture collection, Opame Collective, as well as Josephine Cardin, an artist she's collaborated with many times. The singular focus these pieces embody are the perfect complement to our recent work. Come and see what we've been dreaming up for the last few years! Our space will inspire you with the notion that where your focus goes, energy flows.

**Alissa Johnson Interiors featuring Jonathan Pliego and Stephen Burks at Studio41**

225 W. Hubbard St.

Join Alissa Johnson Interiors, Studio 41, House of Rohl and Jonathan Pliego as they effortlessly bridge the vibrant '80s with modern elegance in their sitting room and bathroom fit for rockstar royalty. From September

10th thru October 10th please stop by to preview a very special installation by renowned sculptor Stephen Burks presented by GRAFF.

**London Walder Interior Design featuring Dana De Ano and Diane Schroeder of Daniel Kinkade Fine Art at eggemann**

300 W. Hubbard St., 4th floor

Lost and Found at eggemann

Join eggemann for an incredible evening as you discover the art of mixed media blended with modern design and vintage influences. Artist Dana De Ano works with collected reclaimed materials, marrying them with more traditional graphite and paint. Additionally, mark-making is created through burning and sewing to form a textured landscape. Interior designer London Walder's approach infuses inspiration from the past, bridging style eras to create intriguing and timeless interiors. Enjoy a signature cocktail & hors d'oeuvres.

**Amhad Freeman Interiors featuring Joanne Trestrail at O'Brien Harris**

501 N. Wells St.

O'Brien Harris hosts a hands-on experience with hand-crafted artisanal small bites paired with wine. Kitchen vignettes display hand-built porcelain and stoneware vessels by Joanne Trestrail, styled by interior designer Amhad Freeman.

**Centaur Interiors featuring Lea Fisher at Samuel Lynne Galleries**

215 W. Huron St., Suite 1

Samuel Lynne Galleries Chicago and Centaur Interiors invite you to discover innovative design and immerse yourself in the fine art by reflectionist artist Lea Fisher. Fisher paints dramatic compositions that mirror her life experiences. She creates bold, authentic, emotionally expansive artworks that frequently possess an ethereal quality. Her art emulates adventure, raw emotion, and an unparalleled flow of sentience. Enjoy complimentary cocktails and learn how art can complete and enhance your home design. When you art better, you live better.

**Chelsey Jackel of Xced Design Build featuring Bojana Ilic- BOJITT at Daltile**

316 W. Hubbard St.

Join Bojitt Studio and Xced Design Build at the Daltile Showroom for a neuroscience-stimulated experience supported by extraordinary works of art and design collaboration. Bojitt's art, intended to heighten your senses, evokes a wide range of emotions. People often think of empathy as our ability to connect with others, but it is also our ability to connect with ourselves. This exhibit, designed by Chelsey and Katie from Xced, will break through the boundaries we hold ourselves in and allow us to realize the true meaning of empowering connectivity.

**Jasmin Reese Interiors featuring Amy Donaldson of Gallery 1871 at Artists Frame Service**

433 N. Wells St.

Explore the "Art of Decay" at Artists Frame Service-River North with a moody vignette designed by Jasmin Reese Interiors featuring artwork by gallery 1871 artist Amy Donaldson. Themes of dark and dramatic elements, intentionally subjected to processes of weathering and decay, will be complemented by signature cocktails and bites, including a Dark and Stormy.

**Suzan Hadaway Design with Nate Szarmach and Juliette Clovis of Daniel Kinkade Fine Art at Ligne Roset**

440 N. Wells St.

The juxtaposition and celebration of icons within the medium of art/design.

The Lignet Roset Togo sectional is celebrating its 50th anniversary; its shape and aesthetic are as current and sought after now as when it was first introduced. Therefore it's fitting to give it the center stage of Suzan Hadaway Design's vignette. A neutral winter-white palette with an assortment of textures and monochromatic tones is the perfect backdrop to Nate Szarmach's mixed-media artwork. Exploring iconic imagery through new questioning eyes, silhouettes and forms are presented in a modern composition. It's a celebration of art and form in a curated space that lends itself to mingling, lounging and admiring beautiful people and things.

**Bridgette Haulenbeek Interiors featuring Dennis Lee Mitchell of Zolla Lieberman and Steven Haulenbeek at Oscar Isberian**

120 W. Kinzie St.

Smoke, ice, and stone: these are just three of the natural elements used in the works of Chicago-based artists Steven Haulenbeek and Dennis Lee Mitchell. Haulenbeek's ice-cast bronze sculptures and hand-carved sand formations are combined with Mitchell's sultry smoke-on-paper compositions to create a space that blurs the line between fine art and high function. With smoke-tinged cocktails and cozy seating that invites close-up conversation, Bridgette Haulenbeek Interiors & Oscar Isberian Rugs immerse you in an environment where the ephemeral creates permanence.

**Staci Munic Interiors featuring Roger J. Carter of Daniel Kinkade Fine Art at Orizzonti**

329 W. Grand Ave.

Staci Munic Interiors, along with RNDD Gallery Walk host Orizzonti Gallery, partner with Chicago's Roger J. Carter, an experimental artist, to present an immersive interior design vignette. Carter's latest medium is toy soldiers on canvas, which make up a larger picture of a person. Carter paints revolutionary Black heroes and uses toy soldiers to highlight the battles they've overcome. For this exhibit, Staci, a lifelong Tina Turner fan, asked Roger to create a Tina Turner piece for the showroom. Staci is thrilled to honor the performer through this artwork and this event. Staci, whose first career was in the hospitality industry, will deliver a rock 'n' roll-meets-culinary-inspired design. Join us for plant-based hors d'oeuvres (Tina is vegan), and cocktails in Orizzonti's stunning custom cabinet and plumbing fixture gallery.

**Michael Del Piero Good Design featuring Matt Nguyen at Cosentino City**

217 W. Illinois St.

Join Cosentino, Matt Nguyen and Michael Del Piero Good Design as they explore the power of art and design to connect, innovate and inspire. Their combined minimal, modern and organic aesthetics serve as a departure point for a visual and tactile exploration of what it means to push the boundaries of creativity. An evening sure to inspire, entertain and nourish the creative spirit.

**Hailey Lauren Designs featuring Zachary Weber at TOTO**

500 N. Wells St.

Join TOTO, Hailey Lauren Designs and Zachary Weber—an interdisciplinary artist working primarily in ceramics—for a celebration of clay in all forms. It is sure to be a night of unexpected art and design where Zach's art meets TOTO's china. Enjoy specialty cocktails and appetizers as you explore this curated collection.

**Courtney Casey Interiors featuring Tianna Bracey at Kohler Signature Store by Studio41**

322 W. Hubbard St.

The future is female. Courtney Casey Interiors, Kohler Signature Store by Studio41 and artist Tianna Bracey celebrate bold femininity and invite you to indulge in luxurious bath design fashioned for the female perspective.

**Kelly Hurliman Design featuring Linc Thelen of Daniel Kinkade Fine Art at The Luxury Bed Collection**

440 N. Wells St. #100N

Join The Luxury Bed Collection, Daniel Kinkade Fine Art and Kelly Hurliman Design for an eclectic, painterly mix of color and pattern. Mingle in the masculine-meets-feminine bedroom and view the newest piece from well-known Chicago-based artist Linc Thelen. A fun collaboration not to be missed.

**Elizabeth Scott Design featuring Christian Voigt at Hilton Asmus Contemporary Gallery**

716 N. Wells St., Suite 3739

Join Hilton Asmus Contemporary Gallery and Elizabeth Scott Design Group to take a step into a visual time capsule travelling around the world to some of the most captivating and beautiful places on earth. Christian Voigt's iconic images are mesmerizing, and the gallery will be transformed into a stylish setting that takes you miles away.

### **Jessica Margot Design featuring Joanna Cutri of Daniel Kinkade Fine Art at 210 Design House**

210 W. Illinois St.

Jessica Margot Design, Daniel Kinkade Fine Art, and 210 Design House invite you for a sexy, mysterious evening celebrating the strength and pride of the feminine mystique via the boldly colorful and inviting works of California artist Joanna Cutri.

\*Trolley Stop

### **Tim Klein at Framebridge River North**

617 N. State St

Meet photographer Tim Klein on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Tim was trained as a photojournalist, so he finds inspiration everywhere — from his travels abroad to his own backyard. Budding photographer? Join us Saturday September 10th from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. and ask Tim anything. Bring in something to frame and receive 20% off.

### **Shakoor Interiors featuring Pamela Staker and Kate Blacklock of Daniel Kinkade Fine Art at Prestige Designs**

223 W. Erie Ave.

EARTH. WIND. FIRE.

Experience being swept off your feet into a sexy "is it hot in here?" frenzy, only to be brought back down to terra firma, and do it all over again. Yassss, I'm in! This space will give all the feels and high vibes with yummy color saturation, a bespoke scent, artful compositions and stimulating bites & booze.

### **Artist Information**

#### **Artist hi-res images:**

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/92j81pv7nn8h5ud/AAbvYgqxvFRWpLV3ASrHSdvHa?dl=0>

#### **Amy Donaldson**

A native of Jacksonville Beach, Florida, Amy Donaldson has exhibited her work internationally. In 2016 alone, she had a solo show in Paris, work at the Brussels Art Fair, Art Basel Miami, Atlanta's National Juried Exhibitions, and Illinois State Museum. Her work has appeared in Chicago PD, Luxe Magazine, Nuevo Estilo Magazine, Madrid, and many other publications. Her paintings are in public and private collections, and she has completed commissions for hospitals including Hilton Hotel/Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota; banks, and luxury residences. Her influences span the centuries, including European Romanticism, Impressionism, Abstract Expressionism, and contemporary street art. Nonetheless, she has created a signature style that connects the past and present with a vibrant sense of immediacy and freshness. Many paintings burst with joy and light, while others are cloaked in a more intimate softness with a sense of peace and grace. Evident in each composition is Donaldson's strong sense of color and her depth of feeling for space and light. She lives and works in Redding, California.

#### **Bojitt**

Bojana Ilic-Bojitt is a Serbian-born artist and stylist with a degree in clothing and textile design. After successful 10-year career in the fashion industry in Europe, Bojana moved to the United States in 2007, where she found painting as a form of expression. Bojana leverages over 15 years of creative experience helping clients such as Burnett, Philip Morris and Chevrolet and NBC's Steve Harvey Show express their brand, vision, and passion. She's also taken on passion projects such as group and solo art and fashion shows. True collaboration, professionalism and honest expression are Bojana's strongest assets.

#### **Buzz Spector**

Buzz Spector's art makes frequent use of the book, both as subject and object, and is concerned with relationships between public history, individual memory, and perception. His most recent exhibition, "Buzz

Spector: Reading Matter,” photographs, drawings, and a book installation, was on view at the Rockford (Illinois) Art Museum earlier in 2022.

#### Christian Voigt

Christian Voigt was born in Munich in 1961, later moving to Hamburg, where he now lives. Voigt works with large-format cameras, both digital and analogue. He experiments with new camera techniques and makes the best use of the digital medium to strengthen his storytelling. Voigt believes his photography is a form of communication in and of itself, serving as a visual language to convey meaning. More than simple photographs, Voigt’s images and digital fine tuning coalesce to exhibit full narratives and heightened emotion, especially through the realms of architecture and international travel. Christian Voigt has been represented in solo shows and art fairs around the globe, including Basel, Hamburg, New York, Los Angeles, London, Saint Tropez, Amsterdam, and Madrid.

#### Connie Noyes

Connie Noyes, a multidisciplinary artist, received an MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and a masters in psychology and art therapy from Notre Dame de Namur University. Noyes, who has had many notable solo exhibitions and residencies in the U.S., has also gained international recognition and participated in the TransArt summer program in Berlin, Germany; attended residencies at Arteles, Finland, ChaNorth, New York; the Emaar International Art Symposium, Dubai, UAE; Thupelo International Workshop, Cape Town, South Africa; and was a selected artist for Art Abu Dhabi, representing Salwa Zeidan Gallery in the UAE. Noyes' work is in the collections of The Museum of Contemporary Photography in Chicago; The Ekstrom Library of Photographic Archives Special Collections in Louisville, Kentucky; and the Greenville County Museum in South Carolina. She lives and works in Chicago.

#### Dana De Ano

Dana De Ano is a Chicago-based artist who creates mixed-media drawings on paper, often referred to as two-and-a-half dimensional. She works with collected reclaimed materials, marrying them with more traditional graphite and paint. Additionally, mark-making is created through burning and sewing, to form a textured landscape. De Ano's work depicts the natural tension of life: light and dark, stress and rest, chaos and quiet.

#### Dennis Lee Mitchell

Mitchell uses smoke as a drawing tool, delicately applying carbon/soot to the surface of paper. While the resulting images evoke natural forms, his imagery remains abstract, striking a balance between representational and the ephemeral. The recipient of a 2016 Pollock/Krasner Foundation Grant, two National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships and a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, he was also selected by the U.S. State Department Art in Embassy program as a guest artist in Turkey. Mitchell has participated in numerous solo and group exhibitions. His work is held in many private and public collections, including Deloitte & Touche, Museum Boymans-van Beuningen, Daum Museum of Contemporary Art, State of Illinois Museum, Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art, Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, Arizona State University Art Museum, Utah Museum of Fine Arts and others. Thrivent Collection, Racine Art Museum and Daum Museum of Contemporary Art. He graduated from Arizona State University with a Master of Fine Arts.

#### Diane Schroeder

Diane Schroeder majored in art with a focus in interior design at the University of Nebraska. After graduating with a BFA, Diane chose a career in the design field, but she never abandoned her love for her art. Her pieces abstractly suggest landscape shapes and textures and the translucencies and reflections of atmospheric colors. With the exploration of contrast and contradiction, Diane introduced collage as an exciting additional dimension to her work and she continues to define and refine detail and strength. Her subject matter, while abstractly suggesting landscape shapes and textures and the translucencies and reflections of atmospheric colors, presents the sensation of emotion, the power of intuition and the confidence of logic. Diane is represented in Grand Rapids, Michigan, by Lafontsee Gallery and works with art consultants and interior designers for art placement and commissions. Diane shows in juried competitions each year including, local,

national, and international venues and her work can also be found in the collections of major corporations and private residences.

#### Dragica Carlin

London-based artist Dragica Carlin gained a bachelor's degree in painting at Chelsea College of Art and Design in London, followed by a master's in fine art painting. She was awarded a prestigious Abbey Painting Award sponsored by the British Academy, which led to an artist residency and fellowship at the British School in Rome. Dragica regularly exhibits artwork in both solo and group shows across the U.K. and abroad. Her work has been commissioned for high-end projects worldwide.

#### Eric Gushee

Eric Gushee is a cofounder of Red Gate Studios and Stairway Studios, two Chicago-based art collectives. His work has been featured nationally and abroad, from private collections to public spaces and institutions. Born and raised in New York City, Gushee graduated from Marlboro college in Vermont, continuing education and graduating from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. He lives and works in Chicago.

#### Jamie Adams

American painter Jamie Adams' figurative work is largely autobiographical, functioning as personal memoir. It is a visual formulation of his inner response to life and the world, spiraling through recurring social themes of identity, love, and desire. He attended Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, where he obtained a BFA with honors in 1983. In 2000 he earned an MFA from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia. His work is represented in the permanent public collections of the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art (Bentonville, Arkansas), Museu Brasileiro da Escultura (São Paulo, Brazil), Museum of Modern Art Library (New York), MOMA (Wales), Los Angeles County Museum of Art Research Library, Daum Museum of Contemporary Art, Medrad Corporation, the Pennsylvania Capitol Building (Senate, House of Representatives, Governor's office), Carnegie Mellon University, the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Michigan Medical School, and Washington University in St. Louis.

#### Joanna Cutri

Los Angeles native Joanna Cutri has an extensive visual-arts background beginning at the prestigious Los Angeles County High School for the Arts. She continued her studies at the Cleveland Institute of Art and in Cortona, Italy with the University of Georgia. Joanna received a bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Georgia in 1998. Joanna lived and worked in Bali, Indonesia, for 10 years. Her vision of life and art were deeply inspired by the rich, creative culture and religion of the Balinese people, as well as the exotic landscape in which she lived in. Joanna's exposure to different cultures and world travels has greatly impacted how she creates and approaches her own work. Her complex, personal style combines various mixed mediums and collage elements, resulting in layers upon layers of color, texture and imagery. Joanna lived in Biarritz in the South of France for a year and a half to complete her collection of the ZhangJieJia mountains in the Hunan province of Central China for an artist-in-residency program with the Nock Art Foundation in Hong Kong in 2014. Joanna has had numerous solo and group exhibitions in southeast Asia, Australia, South Africa as well as in the U.S. and in Europe. She lives and works in Southern California.

#### Joanne Trestrail

Chicago native Joanne Trestrail has worked in clay since the late 1990s, first studying figure sculpture at the Koh-Varilla Guild and, later, ceramics at Lill Street Art Center and at the Hyde Park Art Center, where she had two solo exhibitions. She specializes in hand-built pieces made with coiled porcelain and stoneware clay, creating surface textures as she joins the coils and builds up the forms. All of her pieces are high-fired; most are unglazed.

#### Jonathan Pliego

Jonathan Pliego is a Mexican born, Texas raised, Chicago-based artist with a passion for creating art that is unique, dimensional, and emotive. He explores the relationship and tension between boldness and elegance by fusing textural elements with modern and contemporary techniques that create dimension and speak to each

individual space. Jonathan attended Texas State University's undergraduate and MFA program and is also an award-winning advertising creative director with over a decade of experience working with some of the most notable and iconic brands.

#### Josephine Cardin

Josephine Cardin is a fine-art and portraiture photographer who was born in the Dominican Republic. Cardin's work has been published in *Hi-Fructose*, *InPrint*, *Digital Camera*, *Photo+*, *BLUR*, *Elegant*, *Adore Chroma*, *The Spoiler's Hand*, *Lucy's*, *beau BU*, *F-Stop*, *Dark Beauty*, and *Dance Magazines*; *Playbill*, and the book "Meet the Dancers." She has exhibited with the Menier Gallery in London, Art Meet Gallery in Milan, Spectrum Gallery in Rochester, NY, The Professional Woman Photographers, and The Boca Raton Museum of Art Juried Exhibition. She received a first-place award by the Prix de La Photographie; two honorable mentions from the International Photography Awards; has received honorable mentions for the 2014 and 2015 Julia Margaret Cameron Awards; was selected as a finalist for the Photographer's Forum Magazine's The Best of Photography 2014; and was also a finalist for the Photo Nola/International House Mary Magdalene Exhibit in New Orleans 2013. She has done work for the Boston Ballet, Rochester City Ballet, Arts Ballet Theater, and The Broward Center for the Performing Arts; as well as work for corporate clients. Cardin has created numerous pieces for book covers, album art, and collections for several hotels and cruise lines.

#### Juliette Clovis

Born in 1978, Juliette Clovis is a French visual artist living in the south of France. As a multi-disciplinary artist, technical proficiency has always been central in her work. Juliette is among this new category of contemporary artists who borrow craftsmanship's gestures and excellence, adding their artistic vision, and carrying it into contemporary art. Her current production develops mainly around sculpture with her favorite medium: porcelain. In her recent work, the artist explores the ambivalence of the human being in his relationship with the nature that surrounds him. The reflection around the presence of humans in the world, which results in the progressive destruction of the natural environment, is objectified by the artist in her sculptures, where fauna and flora seem to adapt to their environment. Mostly inspired by the Baroque spirit, she likes mixing references and playing with influences and codes; trying to make harmonious a world made of contrasts and differences.

#### Kate Blacklock

Kate Blacklock is a Providence-based artist who received an undergraduate degree from University of California at Santa Cruz and an MFA from The Rhode Island School of Design (RISD). She has taught at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Rhode Island College and for nine years co-chaired the Ceramics Department at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, where she was associate professor. She has been teaching in the Industrial Design Department at RISD since 2002. Blacklock's studio practice has spanned over 30 years and during that time her work has moved from sculptural and functional ceramics to 3D printing, photography, and painting. She has had solo exhibitions around the country including New Orleans, New York City, Philadelphia, Providence, and Ann Arbor. Her works are in many private and public collections including The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Mint Museum, The Fuller Museum and the RISD Museum.

#### Lea Fisher

Lea Fisher is a former psychotherapist who has evolved from a problematic and conflicted childhood to become an intuitive artist who can express herself fearlessly, while powerfully addressing complex issues related to contemporary societal afflictions. As a reflectionist, Fisher paints dramatic compositions that mirror her life experiences. She creates bold, authentic, emotionally expansive artworks that frequently possess an ethereal quality. Often painting without a sense of physical presence, the artist uses techniques that range from delicate feathering of oils, to using multiple media to create richly sculpted textures. Her aesthetically pleasing compositions captivate the eye with rich and vivid layers of elegant color palettes. Her art emulates adventure, raw emotion, and an unparalleled flow of sentience. Drawing on her strong skill of composition, Dallas-based Fisher creates an illusion of solidity and weightlessness that simultaneously grounds the viewer while allowing the mind to float to engage intuitive consciousness.

### Linc Thelen

Painting for over two decades, Linc Thelen is an award-winning artist whose work is in both private and public collections. Linc captures the classical principals of painting; composition, texture, form and light and transforms those prominent techniques to canvas. Linc's paintings fuse his classical training with a modern perspective. Linc received a bachelor of fine arts in painting from Northern Illinois University. He continued his studies by traveling abroad to Italy and France, focused on mastering the chiaroscuro techniques of the Renaissance Masters.

### Matthew Nguyen

Matt is an abstract and textural artist, working out of his studio in the Avondale neighborhood of Chicago. Self-taught, he refers to himself as a "Pandemic Painter." He was called to paint during the pandemic, creating finished artworks in his imagination inch by inch without ever having had a paintbrush in his hand — completing full pieces at night when he couldn't sleep. Now he uses paint and mixed mediums intuitively as a tactile expression of creativity and a channel for reflection. He is inspired by the natural world, human consciousness, music, and connection—to people, thoughts, and universal concepts. Matt was raised in the far west Chicago suburbs and is first-generation Vietnamese, the son of a war refugee. He grew up playing music, studying photography, and has dabbled in graphic design. He earned a BA in Arts Management from Columbia College and has completed graduate work at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. He has worked in design showrooms for the past ten years.

### Michael Boroniec

Michael Boroniec is a sculptor and designer. Best known for his unique Spatial Spiral ceramics, these forms began with a single spiral and have evolved into a series of vessels that vary in form, degree of expansion, and number of coils. Each piece is wheel thrown then deconstructed. This process reveals aspects of the vessel that most rarely encounter. Within the walls, maker's marks become evident and contribute to the texture. The resultant ribbon effect, reminiscent of a wheel trimming, lends fragility, elegance, and motion to a medium generally perceived as hard and heavy. This emphasizes a resistance of gravity, allowing negative space to unravel and become part of the form. The result is a body of sculptural objects resembling and born of functional vessels.

### Michelle Hartney

Michelle Hartney is a Chicago-based interdisciplinary artist who works with fiber, installation, sculpture, performance, and the internet. Her practice focuses on women's rights, maternal healthcare issues, and misogyny in art institutions. Hartney's interest in using art to address social issues began during her graduate studies in art therapy at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where she was an Albert Schweitzer Fellow. In 2016 Hartney founded the Women's Health Collective, an art collective dedicated to using creative approaches to raise awareness about women's health issues by linking artists, writers, musicians, and activists to work collaboratively on socially engaged projects.

### Nate Szarmach

Nate Szarmach is a contemporary American artist living in Austin, Texas. He attended James Madison University, where he earned a BFA in architecture. Between Nate's education and starting his full-time studio practice, he spent some time working as an interior designer, focusing on contemporary residential design. Since transitioning into a full-time practice, Nate has exhibited all over the United States, placed art in collections worldwide, and worked with some incredible clients and designers. It is truly his joy to spend his life painting and striving to bring thought provoking artwork into this world.

### Pamela Staker

Pamela Staker has been making art ever since she could hold a crayon. She also went to school for it. First, her mom taught her, and then the artist went to the University of Illinois, where she had a short-lived stint as a math major and quickly turned to a BFA in painting. Staker received several grants and awards early in her career, including an Illinois Arts Council

Fellowship and a CAAP Individual Artist Grant from the City of Chicago, Department of Cultural Affairs. Her paintings are in numerous private and corporate collections, including The Sophy, a boutique hotel in Hyde Park in Chicago; The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; Vanderbilt University, Nashville; Capital One, Chicago; and Cascade Hills Country Club, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

#### Roger J. Carter

Roger J. Carter is an award-winning visual artist who captures the context of modern culture and the persona of the African-American journey through the representation of iconic images and everyday citizens. He explores street art and abstract, mixing past experiences through the lens of mixed media and traditional expression. Roger is a Chicago native with deep roots in the empowerment of the culture and community. He is a software engineer who translates his analytical mind into story lines and themes to capture the true essence of culturally history making up his Toy Soldiers series. Through many layers, colors and hundreds of figurative soldiers, he explores a journey through time and empowerment. Roger's work been in museums and galleries around the world including the Museum of Science and Industry, expos and events including The Other Art Show, The Art of Banksy Chicago, and restaurants and attractions including (in Chicago) Water Tower Place, Pilsen Yards, The Bureau Bar Chicago, Sip and Savor Cafe and more. Roger is co-founder and lead artist of The Kulture Museum in Pilsen, a studio and galley for creative empowerment. His work is permanently on display at The Kulture Museum.

#### Salvador Dominguez

Like many first-generation immigrants, language is an important part of Salvador Dominguez's story. Dominguez grew up in Pomona, California, a working-class suburb of Los Angeles with a 70% Spanish-speaking population. From a young age, he acted as an interpreter of both language and American culture for his Mexican parents. Part of his artistic process has been examining and cataloging childhood memories. From these memories, his intention is to use familiar imagery that creates new objects. Dominguez comes from a culture in which physical labor is a currency. As a result, his work explores themes of labor and class, bringing together often competing materials (i.e. acrylic paint and cast bronze and using melted crayons like oil paint). Dominguez's work has been presented in Chicago at the National Museum of Mexican Art, One After 909 Gallery, The Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art and The DePaul Art Museum. He received his BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 2008.

#### Stephen Burks

Stephen Burks is one of the most recognized American industrial designers of his generation. Independently and through association with various non-profits, he has worked as a product development consultant in close collaboration with artisans and craftspeople in over ten countries on six continents. He and his studio Stephen Burks Man Made have been commissioned by many of the world's leading design-driven brands to develop collections that engage hand production as a strategy for innovation including Dedon, Luceplan, & Missoni. His work has been exhibited internationally and he is the only African-American to win the Smithsonian Cooper Hewitt National Design Award in Product Design.

#### Steven Haulenbeek

Chicago-based Steven Haulenbeek is an artist and industrial designer. He received a bachelor's degree in drawing and sculpture from Hope College in Holland, Michigan in 2002 and his master's degree in Designed Objects from The School of The Art Institute of Chicago in 2006. After working professionally as a furniture designer, in 2010 he founded his independent design practice with interest in experimental, material, and process-focused objects for the home. Steven Haulenbeek Studio is represented by Carpenters Workshop Gallery in Paris, London, New York, and San Francisco. Steven's work passes by the typical design/build format and instead seeks to invent unique production methods by which objects emerge organically. By interjecting uncontrollable variants within his techniques, Haulenbeek experiments with the balance between design and serendipity. "Ice-Cast Bronze" and "Resin-Bonded Sand" are two of his best-known experimental processes developed in this spirit. The Ice-Cast Bronze collection uses the freezing climate of the winter season with the lost-wax casting process to create uniquely textured objects and furniture in cast bronze. The

RBS (Resin-Bonded Sand) series uses common casting sand, a disposable byproduct of the metal casting industry, to create colorful sculpture, installations, furniture, and lighting inspired by the natural environment.

Tianna Bracey

Tianna works and lives in Chicago. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Art History from the University of Missouri (Columbia). In Chicago her work has been exhibited at The Chicago Athletic Association, Happy Gallery, The Martin and Zhou B Art Center. She has been featured in The Glossary and Sixty Inches from the Center. In 2021, she was awarded the Curious Creators Grant from curious elixirs (Brooklyn, NY) and the New Futures award from Saatchi Art's The Other Art Fair (London).

Tim Klein

A native of Tacoma, Washington, Tim Klein is a commercial/editorial photographer. His career spans almost 20 years, and he's been published in esteemed magazines and worked with many Fortune 500 companies such as Apple, Burberry, Esquire magazine, The New Yorker, W Magazine, and Yamaha. "I was trained as a photojournalist, so I find inspiration everywhere — from my travels abroad to my own backyard. My biggest source of inspiration is light. I love the glow of morning light through fog, the graphic shadows of noon light, the light of an overcast day, and the dramatic rose-colored light at sunset. I am fascinated by people and their stories. The experience of really noticing the world around me is the greatest inspiration of all." Tim lives and works in Chicago.

Zachary Weber

Zachary Weber is an interdisciplinary artist working primarily in ceramics. Weber received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where he refined his approach in thinking about artistic processes as personal investigations. His works are attempts to integrate symbolic representation, mediated through play and improvisation. Exhibitions of Weber's work include Alma Art and Interiors Gallery 2022, "Abstraction" show, The Art Center in Highland Park. His work is in prestigious collections such as Frank Stella's personal collection in Manhattan; the historic Laura Gayle House; and the Willis Tower Lobby. He has shown nationally, and his work is housed in collections internationally. Weber lives in Chicago.

**All showrooms and galleries will have extended hours and will be open for the Gallery Walk from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Friday. Most showrooms will also be open on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 12-4 p.m. Temporary exhibitions in the showrooms are on display through October 10<sup>th</sup>. The event is free and open to the public. VIP Kickoff Party tickets are \$35 each and After Party tickets are \$95 each if purchased in advance. After August 9<sup>th</sup> Kickoff tickets are \$45 each and After Party tickets are \$125 each. Tickets go on sale July 1. Proceeds benefit the not-for-profit River North Design District and fund yearly programming. A portion of the proceeds will also benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which is leading the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases.**

#### **About River North Design District**

The River North Design District, founded in 2013, is a local community that boasts interior design offerings accessible to both designers and consumers. The showrooms carry everything to create a one-of-a-kind haven—from lighting, tile, plumbing, rugs, and kitchens to furnishings. The participating showrooms pride themselves on providing a shopping experience that is unique and personalized. Nearly every showroom is located on street level, allowing customers to stroll along and enjoy the neighborhood. Please visit <https://rivernorthdesigndistrict.com> for more information.

#### **About St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is leading the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases. Its purpose is clear: Finding cures. Saving children.® It is the only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center devoted solely to children. Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20 percent to

more than 80 percent since the hospital opened more than 50 years ago. St. Jude won't stop until no child dies from cancer.

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