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# Contemporary Arts Museum Houston

EXHIBITION OPENING

**TEEN COUNCIL GROUP SHOW**

June 10–12, 2016



Alex Rodriguez, *Goodbye from Far* (detail), 2016. Mixed media, dimensions variable. Courtesy the artist.

**OPENING RECEPTION:*****Teen Council Group Show***

Friday, June 10, 2016

7–10PM

at the Texas Art Asylum

1719 Live Oak St, Houston, TX

HOUSTON, TX (May 18, 2016)—The Contemporary Arts Museum Houston's Teen Council is pleased to present *Teen Council Group Show*, an exhibition featuring work by Teen Council members on view at the Texas Art Asylum June 10–12, with an opening reception held June 10 from 7-10 PM. On the heels of the recently organized Teen Council Fall Music Festival at CAMH and *Root Shift: Photographs of Stasis and Change*, an exhibition on view at the Menil Collection through May 29, *Teen Council Group Show* is a multifaceted exhibition, highlighting the Teen Council members' varied arts practices including painting, drawing, sculpture, writing, and music-based performance.

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Adrian Jimenez, *Zenith*, 2016. Oil on canvas, 24 x 30 inches. Courtesy the artist.

The works showcase each artist's unique perspective on social, political, and personal issues. Alex Rodriguez's sculptural work centers around "recreating" relationships important to them; Matthew Watowich's art examines humankind's increasingly distant relationship with the environment; and June Ngo's work examines the art world politic through sculpture. In addition to the presentation of visual artwork by Teen Council members, the opening reception will feature the premiere of Kizer Shelton's chapbook *HOUSE*, a reading by Jaelynn Walls, and a concert by Eli Winter. Presented together, *Teen Council Group Show* surveys a variety of art-making practices by teenage contemporary artists and creatives living in Houston who are committed to honing their skills as cultural leaders through the production of artistic practice, academic research, exhibit curation, and program organization.

Participating artists include: Hank Bond, Adrian Jimenez, El'Mashiyah Miller, Connor Mizell, June Ngo, Alex Rodriguez, Kizer Shelton, Jaelynn Walls, Matthew Watowich, Thor Westergaard, and Eli Winter.

## ABOUT CAMH'S TEEN COUNCIL

Composed of young arts enthusiasts, Teen Council serves as the Museum's vehicle for attracting the city's teen population to CAMH and exposing them to the vibrant field of contemporary art. For council members, the group serves as a highly collaborative creative incubator that opens up opportunities for leadership, visual literacy, and life skill development. During weekly meetings, the council is introduced to the inner workings of museums and to the dynamic Houston arts community. Teen Council activities are decided upon by its members and can change from year to year, but past events developed by the Teen Council include art markets, exhibitions, fashion shows, film screenings, listening parties, music festivals, and poetry readings. The members of the 2015-16 CAMH Teen Council are: Hank Bond, Adrian Jimenez, Charlie Magun, El'Mashiyah Miller, Connor Mizell, June Ngo, Alex Rodriguez, Kizer Shelton, Jaelyn Walls, Matthew Watowich, Thor Westergaard, Eli Winter, and Felicity Yiu.

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