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Announcement

## Where Do We Go From Here? Teen Council's 13th Annual Biennial Exhibition



Brandon Sun, *Inner Child*, 2021. Archival inkjet print, 11 x 11 inches. Image and work courtesy the artist.

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#WhereDoWeGoFromHere?  
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HOUSTON, TX (January 30, 2023)—Contemporary Arts Museum Houston (CAMH) is pleased to announce the upcoming exhibition *Where Do We Go From Here?*. Organized and curated by CAMH's Teen Council, the group exhibition features work by 25 Houston-area teen artists. The exhibition, as its title probes, looks at moments of transformation and metamorphosis within each participating artist's work. The exhibition opens February 17, 2023 and will remain on view through July 2, 2023.

The titular question, *Where Do We Go From Here?*, was the very same question that over 100 teen artists from across the Houston area had to answer in response to an open call. In their works – ranging from

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Lina Wu, *Growth*, 2022. Acrylic paint on canvas. 48 x 36 inches. Image and work courtesy the artist.



Sara Shen, *Tapestry of Life*, 2022. Acrylic on drawing board. 16 x 20 inches. Image and work courtesy the artist.

painted collage to abstract sculpture – norms are disrupted and problems are boldly confronted through the lens of change. From socio-political upheaval to personal rebirth, these teen artists have a lot to say about the contemporary world and its impact on one's life.

The works reflect varying and diverse lived experiences and emphasize that identity is never stagnant nor singular. It shifts as a result of various catalysts, including pandemic isolation, bodily changes, and pressure to define oneself. Each tribulation defines an arc, taking these transformative experiences and making something new. Today's youth have taken differing approaches to move forward. Whether collecting ephemera, meditating on people and fragments of lost identity, or shedding younger skin, momentum is critical. Pushing back against stagnation, these artists bear their own weight through new independence as they face their futures.

*Where Do We Go From Here?* depicts the artists' responses to varying catalysts in their lives. Despite the challenges they face, the artists choose to stay true to their upbringing as they confront change, while still honoring their unwavering sense of self in an unfamiliar world. They also navigate the understanding of their individuality, forging a unique identity between contrasting realities. Each of the 25 artists find power through new personas, examining the world through their own looking glass to shed past selves and discover a multiplicity of new possibilities.

In addition to the exhibition, Teen Council will also host the long running Fashion Show and *Teens Perform!* with open calls for fashion, fabric, and performance art from Houston-area teens. As with the exhibition itself, the teens in Teen Council work with CAMH staff to envision and curate the selection. The Fashion Show is made possible by a grant from Scott and Judy Nyquist.

### **CAMH Teen Council 2022-2023**

Holden Aramburu, Elisabeth Bell, Alexandra Davis Donaldson, Sarah Jones, Lucy Katz, Jones Mays, Matthew Messenger, Kaviya Ravikumar, Max Scholl, Elliot Stravato, Camille Siptak, Katelyn Ta, and Julia Wykoff

### **Exhibiting Artists**

Beau Beaudette, Zei Carasco, Amelia Craypo, Allison Cully, Hannah Dang, Thanh Duong, Ava Finch, Olivia Forque, Giselle Galeas, Ahrihanna Gonzalez, Ryan Kirkpatrick, Saj Evans McNallan, Jackie Neumann, Sophia Reinhardt, Mia Rodriguez, Annie Serrano, Aleena Sheikh, Sara Shen, Ira Sison, Getzamary Solano, Brandon Sun, Abigail Tobey, Zoe Villalobos, Lina Wu, and Aileen Zhang

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Thanh Duong, *Historical Animal*, 2022. Acrylic paint on canvas. 37.5 x 33 inches. Image and work courtesy the artist.

### CAMH Mission

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### General Information

Contemporary Arts Museum Houston is located at 5216 Montrose Boulevard, in the heart of Houston's Museum District.

### Hours

Wed	11AM-6PM
Thu	11AM-9PM
Fri	11AM-6PM
Sat	11AM-6PM
Sun	11AM-6PM

Admission is always free. For more information, visit CAMH.ORG or call 713.284.8250.

### 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 virtual zines, exhibitions, fashion shows, film screenings, listening parties, music festivals, and poetry readings.

### About Contemporary Arts Museum Houston

Contemporary Arts Museum Houston (CAMH) presents extraordinary, thought-provoking arts programming and exhibitions to educate and inspire audiences nationally and internationally. Established in 1948, CAMH is one of the oldest non-collecting contemporary art museums in the country, and is internationally known for presenting pivotal and landmark work by artists recognized as the most important of the 20th and 21st centuries. CAMH's mandate is to be present, to connect artists and audiences through the urgent issues of our time, and to adventurously promote the catalytic possibilities of contemporary art. CAMH's programming, both in and beyond the Museum, is presented free to the public, and advocates for artists' essential role in society.

### Support

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