



Buffalo Arts Studio

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*The Poeta Project*

October 8-November 1, 2019

Exhibition reception from 5-8pm on Friday, October 25, 2019

Part of M&T Fourth Fridays at Tri-Main Center



BUFFALO, NY - Buffalo Arts Studio is thrilled to announce our new Community Space exhibition, *The Poeta Project*. Buffalo educator and poet, Karen Eckert, started *The Poeta Project* in response to a need she saw in high schools: students holding back creatively and giving up too easily.

Combining poetry, art, and education, this exhibition is a “call and response” between Eckert’s poetry and work from local artists. To start, 16 poems were given to 16 different artists. They had to use the title of the poem as the title of their artwork and draw inspiration from the piece (either title, overall theme, one line, etc.) and create a work of art. In turn, they gave Eckert one original work and Eckert had to find inspiration from that (color, theme, one aspect, etc.), use their title as her title, and create a poem.



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All 32 works are on display within the Buffalo Arts Studio Community Space from October 8-November 1, 2019 with a reception on M&T Fourth Friday, October 25, 2019 from 5-8pm. The process of using each other's medium to craft new work demonstrates the ways one can find inspiration in new sources and the value in taking risks, persevering, and ultimately learning about yourself and your practice. Eckert is using the project as a model for unit plans that educators can use to replicate the process in their schools. Through the Pollination Project grant Eckert received in November of 2018, she was able to create a website that will house the units and serve as the basis for continuing this project in the future.

Participating artists include:

Monica Angle, Tricia Butski, Markenzy Cesar, Emily Churco, Charles Clough, Matt Grote, Evan Hawkins, Sarah Liddell, Michael Mararian, Anne Muntges, Esther Neisen, Peter Sowiski, Kelly Vetter, Joe Vollan, Alexa Wajed, Muhammad Zaman.

*High-resolution images are available upon request*

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*Buffalo Arts Studio is a not-for-profit arts organization whose mission is to provide affordable studio space and regular public exposure for regional, national, and international artists through exhibitions, and to enrich the community with art classes, mural programs, and public art. Buffalo Arts Studio is located at 2495 Main Street, Suite 500, Buffalo, NY 14214. The gallery is open Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.*

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