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BUFFALO, NY – Buffalo Arts Studio is pleased to announce our exhibition series for **Fall 2019**, spanning August through November, and includes exhibitions featuring **Phyllis Thompson**, **Paloma Barhaugh-Bordas**, and **Buffalo Arts Studio's 32 Studio Artists**.

**Second Annual Panthfrica Celebration**  
**M&T Fourth Friday: Friday, August 23, 2019, (5:00-8:00 pm)**

Buffalo Arts Studio is coordinating a visual and performing arts celebration as part of the Second Annual Panthfrica Celebration. The goal of the Panthfrica event is to present artwork that reflects the Afro-futurist view of a powerful, heroic future for people of color while also sharing music and spoken word rooted in African traditions. Artwork that honors ancestors and elders while celebrating diverse traditions and cultures will also be featured. Like Wakanda from Marvel's *Black Panther* comics and upcoming movie, artists will consider how they see themselves, their ancestors, their community, and/or their city through the Afro-futurist lens.



**Phyllis Thompson & Paloma Barhaugh-Bordas**  
**September 27-November 2, 2019**  
**Opening Reception M&T Fourth Friday, September 27, 2019 (5:00-8:00pm)**

Both Thompson and Barhaugh-Bordas investigate race and gender through the lens of national identity. Thompson uses monotype to construct images rooted in childhood memories that focus

on experiences both real and imagined. She incorporates nostalgic objects to construct portraits of ancestors she has never met. Paloma Barhaugh-Bordas also combine printmaking and collage to construct historical narratives based in the ways place informs identity. Her work adapts and appropriates the vernacular of the many regions she's called home and traces the self-conscious search for cultural roots as a first-generation American.



**October 8-November 1, 2019**

**The Poeta Project**

**Opening Reception: M&T Fourth Friday, October 25, 2019, 5:00-8:00 pm**

The project is a collaboration of poetry, art, and education that highlights the importance of creativity and perseverance in solving problems and taking risks. The project will include 44 poems and 44 works of art showcased in the Community Space.

*"That Moment"*

*An overgrown mess clinging,  
Precarious,  
To my sturdy trunk.*

*Moving in shadows  
Creeping  
Crossing over guards  
Standing watch  
Slipping through fences  
Weathered*

*Anchored by its genius plan,  
Pulling me under  
Water green and blue  
Wrapped in seaweed  
Tangled in old fishing lines  
Clouding my sight  
Pulling me down  
Lungs begging to breathe  
Holding  
Not willing to release  
Not willing to fall  
Struggling to rise  
Above the water line  
Of that moment*



**November 16-December 21, 2019**

**Studio Artist Show and Sale**

**Opening Reception: Saturday, November 16, 2019, 5:00-9:00 pm**

The Annual Studio Artists Show and Sale includes a large variety of affordable art works in a range of media including painting, sculpture, jewelry, ceramics, and more. The artwork fills both galleries as well as the community space and gift shop.



*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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