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.

"This Moment"

An evergreen ever clinging,
Perseverance,
To my steady heart.

Moving in shadows
Climbing
Crossing over guard
Standing watch
Slipping through, frozen
Wandering

Phenomena to the greater place,
Politically correct
Without pain and love
Uncovered to revealed,
Tangled in old fishing lines
Colluding my right
Pulling me closer
Lamp burning in smoke
Holding
Not willing to release
Not willing to full
Struggling to rise
Above the wicker line
Of lost moments
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

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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