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“Growth” Jump Start Biennial
September 25-November 6, 2021

Opening Reception, Friday September 24, 2021, 5:00—8:00 pm
Part of M&T Fourth Friday @ Tri-Main Center



Buffalo Arts Studio presents *Growth*, an exhibition of Jump Start student artwork from the last 24 months. Buffalo Arts Studio’s Jump Start program works with middle and high school students who show a strong ability and deep interest in the visual arts and guides them along their college and career path. Jump Start is an essential part of Buffalo Arts Studio’s larger mission of cultural access, providing high-quality art instruction, professional development, portfolio preparation, exhibiting experience, and individual mentorship to students across Western New York, regardless of the ability to pay.

Jump Start students participate in a variety of classes taught by highly qualified artists and educators, all of whom have demonstrated the willingness and ability to meaningfully connect with young people from diverse circumstances. Students work in a variety of media, creating work reflective of their own unique experiences. "Growth" will include nearly 200 artworks by current Jump Start students as well as college students and graduates who participate in our Jump Start Extension program.

The current cohort of Jump Start students include Sophia Bensch (Buffalo, NY), Faith Danahy (Buffalo, NY), Lucenzo Deeb (Kenmore, NY), Serenity Degraffenried (Cheektowaga, NY), Sarah Durkin (Elma, NY), Carly Glashauser (Hamburg, NY), Gaia Godinho (Kenmore, NY), Eva Hernandez (Williamsville, NY), Elijah Jones (Buffalo, NY), Sadiki Kashindi (Buffalo, NY), Keira Kilinskas (East Amherst, NY), Eli Neglia (Buffalo, NY), Margaret O'Brien (Cheektowaga, NY), Emma Pfordresher (Town of Amherst, NY), Liliana Schmid (Buffalo, NY), Renee Tasevski (Tonawanda, NY), Kendall Wood (Clarence, NY), Audrey Zhu-Fang (Williamsville, NY), Daria Zulqarnain (Buffalo, NY).

Jump Start Extension students include Isabella Amarante (Buffalo, NY) studying at SUNY Buffalo, Helen Beckley-Forest (Buffalo, NY) studying at Pratt Institute, Buyinza Buchanan (Buffalo, NY) graduated from SUNY Fredonia, Nicholas Delfino (Buffalo, NY) graduated from SUNY Buffalo State College, Lucy Detrich (Tonawanda, NY) studying at Cleveland Institute of Art, Kai Ellsworth (Grand Island, NY) graduated from SUNY Fredonia, Molly Lonigan (Lockport, NY) studying at Villa Maria College, Shanti Morrissey (Buffalo, NY) studying at Cornell University, Gradi Ntampuhwe (Buffalo, NY) graduated from SUNY Buffalo, Cameron Osborne (Clarence, NY) studying at SUNY Buffalo, Emily Peca (Clarence, NY) attending The Savannah College of Art and Design, Emily Quartley (Town of Amherst, NY) graduated from SUNY Buffalo, Ruth Silverschatz (Buffalo, NY) graduated from SUNY Buffalo State College, Rachael Struble (Williamsville, NY) graduated from Sheridan College, Isaac Vazquez (Buffalo, NY) studying at Daemen College, and Jordan Willis (Buffalo, NY) graduated from SUNY Fredonia.

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. and Saturdays from 10a.m.-2p.m.

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