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UOG Isla Center for the Arts Presents "Creative Hands" Exhibition

Creative Hands: Selected Works by Pacific Artists is a biennial juried exhibition at the Isla Center for the Arts. Kaitlin Pomerantz is the juror for the exhibition.

Kaitlin Pomerantz holds a BA in Art History and Visual Art from the University of Chicago, an MFA in Interdisciplinary Art with a Teaching Certificate from the University of Pennsylvania, and an Ed.M in Arts in Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She is a Resident Critic in the MFA Program in The School of Visual Arts (NY), a Sachs Course Development Grant recipient and instructor at the University of Pennsylvania and is a Seminar Instructor at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. She has participated in numerous exhibitions, is represented in several collections, and also curates displays. For more information about our juror, please see <http://www.kaitlinpomerantz.com/>.

The Isla Center for the Arts received 184 submissions from 27 artists for consideration. Juror, Kaitlin Pomerantz, selected 39 works created by 16 artists for the exhibition. After her selection process, she subtitled the exhibition ***Surprise***.

As stated in her juror's statement:

"Art serves many functions. It can bear witness to reality, envision new realities, embody self and collective expression, transform materials, document history, predict the future, and more. The selected artworks in this show are united by their capacity to surprise. To be surprised is to be confronted with the unexpected and jolted out of one's pattern of thinking and expectations. The works in this show are visual and material surprises, leaving viewers with a sense of wonder in the infinite possibilities and permutations of the sensory world."

The selected artists include: Addy's Custom Crafts, Alyanna M. Barrera, Trexie Berondo, Judy Flores, Keiko Flynn, Alison Hadley, Raiki Leon Guerrero, Chie Numano, Nine, Madison Orland, Lia Park, Yeon Sook Park, Dawn Lees Reyes, Rioanne Simeon, Julius Sotomayor, and Stanley Verroya.

Pomerantz selected the following as Best-in-Show and Honorable Mentions:

Best-in-Show:

- *Pocky Plane* (cardboard) by Raiki Leon Guerrero

Honorable Mentions:

- *Wait* (digital photography) by Alison Hadley
- *Blood Rises: Submerge* (mixed media sculpture) by Alyanna Barrera *To be Determined* (mixed media sculpture) by Alyanna Barrera
- *Challenger Deep, Marianas Trench* (mixed media) by Chie Numano
- *Mae's Store Inalahan* (batik) by Judy Flores
- *Arriving Manila* (acrylic) by Julius Sotomayor

An opening reception will be on Thursday, December 5, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Isla Center for the Arts located at #15 Dean's Circle, on the University of Guam Campus. Refreshments will be served. There is no admission fee, but donations are appreciated. The exhibition will be on display from December 5, 2024 to January 24, 2025.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 10am-5pm, Saturdays 10am-2pm, closed on Sundays and holidays. Admission is free but donations are appreciated.

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A link to photos of the Best-in-Show and the Honorable Mentions is here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rtnlx5hajr8gQCdOzDHsk5P1_CuD1F5n?usp=sharing

AT A GLANCE

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EXHIBITION: *Creative Hands: Selected Works by Pacific Artists*, a juried exhibition that features 17 works of art produced by 14 local artists.

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Photo Attachments:



Pocky Plane (cardboard) by Raiki Leon Guerrero.jpg - Juror Kaitlin Pomerantz selected *Pocky Plane (cardboard)* by Raiki Leon Guerrero as "Best in Show" for *Creative Hands: Selected Works by Pacific Artists*, an upcoming exhibition hosted by the Isla Center for the Arts at the University of Guam. The exhibit opens on Thursday, December 5.



Arriving Manila (acrylic) by Julius Sotomayor.jpeg - *Creative Hands: Selected Works by Pacific Artists* is an upcoming exhibition at the University of Guam Isla Center for the Arts. *Arriving Manila (acrylic)* by Julius Sotomayor was selected among 184 submissions from 27 artists for the exhibit and received an "Honorable Mention" by juror Kaitlin Pomerantz. *Creative Hands* opens on Thursday, December 5.



Blood Rises_ Submerge I (mixed media) by Alyanna Barrera.jpg - *Creative Hands: Selected Works by Pacific Artists* is an upcoming exhibition at the University of Guam Isla Center for the Arts. *Blood Rises Submerge I (mixed media)* by Alyanna Barrera was selected among 184 submissions from 27 artists for the exhibit and received an "Honorable Mention" by juror Kaitlin Pomerantz. *Creative Hands* opens on Thursday, December 5.