

Drummondville,
Thursday, May 23, 2024

Portrait(s), reflets et mémoire

An exhibition by the graduating students of the visual arts program at Cégep de Drummondville

DRAC and the Cégep de Drummondville are pleased to announce *Portrait(s), reflets et mémoire*, the annual group exhibition unveiling the work of the **20 graduating students of the Cégep de Drummondville's visual arts program**. The exhibition will be presented from **June 1st to June 16, 2024**.

Presented annually at DRAC since 2007, the exhibition allows visitors to discover the work of the graduating students of the visual arts program at Cégep de Drummondville. Presenting works made in a wide variety of mediums, the group exhibition brings together singular practices that reflect the concerns of these artists at the beginning of their professional careers. *Portrait(s), reflets et mémoire* is a fitting representation of these rather personal, even introspective pieces, which reflect the path they have taken during their professional formation.

" The works presented at DRAC are the result of technical and conceptual learning acquired within their DEC in Visual Arts. As part of their final project assessment, the students were tasked with putting together a portfolio, writing up an artistic approach, drawing up a work plan and budget, and presenting a miniature model in front of the centre's team. The realization and presentation of their work in a professional venue are therefore the culmination of their journey. We are fortunate to be able to count on DRAC's expertise to accompany our students in this important step that is the dissemination of their work. The 2024 cohort exhibition will highlight works in diverse mediums such as painting, silkscreen, printmaking, watercolour, digital art, sculpture, installation, drawing, photography and video art. " - Claudine Brouillard, teacher and coordinator of the visual arts department at Cégep de Drummondville

" For more than 15 years, DRAC has been collaborating with Cégep de Drummondville on the exhibition of the graduating students in Visual Arts. For our centre, it's a meaningful partnership, as DRAC becomes a determining actor in their young careers by allowing a first exhibition experience in an institutional context. With *Portrait(s), reflets et mémoire*, it's a chance for us to showcase the work of the region's emerging visual artists and create lasting links for the future. My team and I are thrilled to showcase the work of these 20 artists in this brand-new exhibition. " - Catherine Lafranchise, director of DRAC

The 2024 cohort includes:

Léa Albert, Alicia Arcand, Louanne Bégin, Marianne Cardinal, Laure-Charlotte Côté, Mathilde Couture, Jean David Bégin, Frédéric Dion, Élaina Dragon, Anaïs Faucher Crochetière, Frédérick Fortier, Léonard Giguère, Mathis Giguère, Kevin Jordy Souopgwi, Kengne, Naomi Montbleau, Alexis Montcalm, Zacharie O'Bomsawin, Grace Esther Pli, Gabrielle Rancourt, Thuy Tran.

An opening event to mark the beginning of the exhibition

The opening reception of the exhibition will take place on **Saturday, June 1, 2024**, starting at 1 p.m. The artists will be present to exchange with the public. An official speech will be held at 2 p.m., followed by an award-giving ceremony. The event is open to all, and is free.

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Cultural mediations by the graduates

As part of the exhibition, mediations will be offered by a few of the graduating students to help you discover the themes explored and the mediums of the works on display. It's an appointment not to be missed for a chance to learn a little more about their creative process that begun at the start of 2024.

Mediation schedule:

Fridays, June 7 and June 14, 2024: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays, June 8 and June 15, 2024: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Sundays, June 2nd, June 9 and June 16, 2024: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

They're free and open to all, with no reservation required.

An invaluable support

DRAC warmly thanks its collaborators for their constant support: the Cégep de Drummondville, the Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec, the City of Drummondville and the Maison des arts Desjardins Drummondville.



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