

MINNEAPOLIS // April 10th, 2021 - May 8th 2021

MPLSART Sketchbook Project - [MPLSART](http://MPLSART) and Gamut Gallery present the *MPLSART Sketchbook Project Exhibition*, representing 35 original works from local artists featured in the project.



**Featuring:** AK Garski, allison anne, Annie Hejny, Ben DiNino, Betsy Alwin, Black Daze, Christopher E. Harrison, Christopher Carr, Christopher Aaron Deanes, Colee Recke, Derek Meier, Destiny A. Davison, Hend Al-Mansour, Jamie Owens, Jennifer Davis, Jesse Quam, Jon Reischl, Kar-Keat Chong, Kelsi Sharp, KJ, Krista Anderson-Larson, Kristine Fretheim, Leeya Jackson, Lizardman, Lora Hlavsa, Nicholas Alan Straight, Niky Motekallem, Noval Noir, Philipo Dyauli, Reid Olson, Russ White, Sean Ferris, Stacey Combs, Tony Cheng, Tyler Faketrapp

The 2020 *MPLSART Sketchbook Project* is a unique survey of the Twin Cities visual arts community during one of the most challenging years. 68 local artists contributed 120 pages of original work to a series of five traveling sketchbooks. The sketchbooks have been compiled into a beautiful 88 page hardcover book available for presale via [Kickstarter March 2nd](https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/mplsart/sketchbook-project) with all net-proceeds split among the featured artist.

When the sketchbooks were near the end of their travels, MPLSART connected with Gamut Gallery to host a pop-up exhibit to showcase the five original sketchbooks. Collaboratively, the concept evolved into a full length exhibition, featuring new works from a wide selection of the artists contributing to the project.

Given the magnitude of artists and limited wall space, an open call was sent to all 68 artists and the first 35 to respond would have the opportunity to showcase an original work in the exhibition. In less than 24 hours, the roster filled up with established and emerging artists, creating an eclectic exhibition featuring muralists, studio artists, street artists, graphic novelists, collage artists, and more. Gamut attendees may recognize familiar names that have been on exhibit at Gamut in the past, and can look forward to 13 new artists who will be exhibiting their work in the gallery for the first time.

The exhibition has no defined theme, only a set of guidelines – works had to be new originals and available for under \$500. Many artists drew inspiration from their sketchbook pages. In addition to featuring 35 original works, the exhibition will also be an opportunity to see the five original sketchbooks first-hand before going to auction at St. Paul based [Revere Auctions](https://www.revereauctions.com/).

## About MPLSART

[MPLSART](#) is a guiding voice in the Twin Cities visual arts community. Founded in 2005, MPLSART has been covering the best local exhibitions, artists, galleries, and more for over a decade. The Minneapolis and St. Paul arts community has long been hailed as one of the best in the nation and we work tirelessly to showcase the hard work of this amazing community as well as strive to create a more sustainable arts scene for all.

## About Gamut Gallery

[Gamut Gallery](#), opening its doors circa 2012, is a visual art gallery, gift shop and performance space in the eastside of downtown Minneapolis. We focus on highlighting diverse, innovative local artists and are dedicated to bringing people together to experience art and stimulate dialogue. From traditional objects like paintings, photography and sculpture to interactive new media, live music, and performance art, Gamut also acts as a cultural and social hub. We collaborate with artists of all disciplines to deliver thought-provoking programming that engages our audience in an immersive environment. The principle that art fosters community, art is for everyone, and everyone should have access to becoming an art collector drives our inclusive philosophy. Over the 8+ years we have made a name for ourselves in the Twin Cities' art scene as the accessible gallery, showing affordable artwork with a welcoming attitude.

## Members Only & Press Preview Night:

Friday, April 9th // 6-9pm

A VIP Preview Night for Gamut Gallery Members: [become a member today!!](#)

- 45 minute reserved tour sessions
- 10 visitors per tour
- Masks required
- Temperature taken upon entry
- Please stay home if you are feeling unwell

## Public Opening Night:

Saturday, April 10th // 5-9pm • \$7

- 45 minute reserved tour sessions
- Pre-sale tickets required, book your [pre-sale](#)
- 10 visitors per tour
- Masks required
- Temperature taken upon entry
- Please stay home if you are feeling unwell

## Artists Talk Exhibit Finale:

Saturday, May 1st, 11am

11am - 1pm // \$7 pre-sale • \$5 for Members - [Tickets available 4.20.21](#)

Talk will be held in Gamut's courtyard, weather permitting, capacity announced at a later date. 10 featured artists to be announced after the opening. This is not your typical artist talk. This talk will be a Q&A Chain — a method where Blaine Garret, of MPLSART, will select a piece that intrigues him and asks the artist a couple questions. From there, each chosen artist picks the next one, opening up the dialogue and inviting the artists to respond to each other.

## GALLERY & GIFT SHOP OPEN HOURS - FREE open hours: Wednesday - Friday, 11am - 6pm

Gamut Gallery is open with capacity restrictions for in-person viewing of the exhibition. We are available on Saturdays by appointment, please request an appointment 48 hours in advance.

## PRESS CONTACT

For interviews, preview inquiries or high-res images, please contact Gallery Director Cassie Garner

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