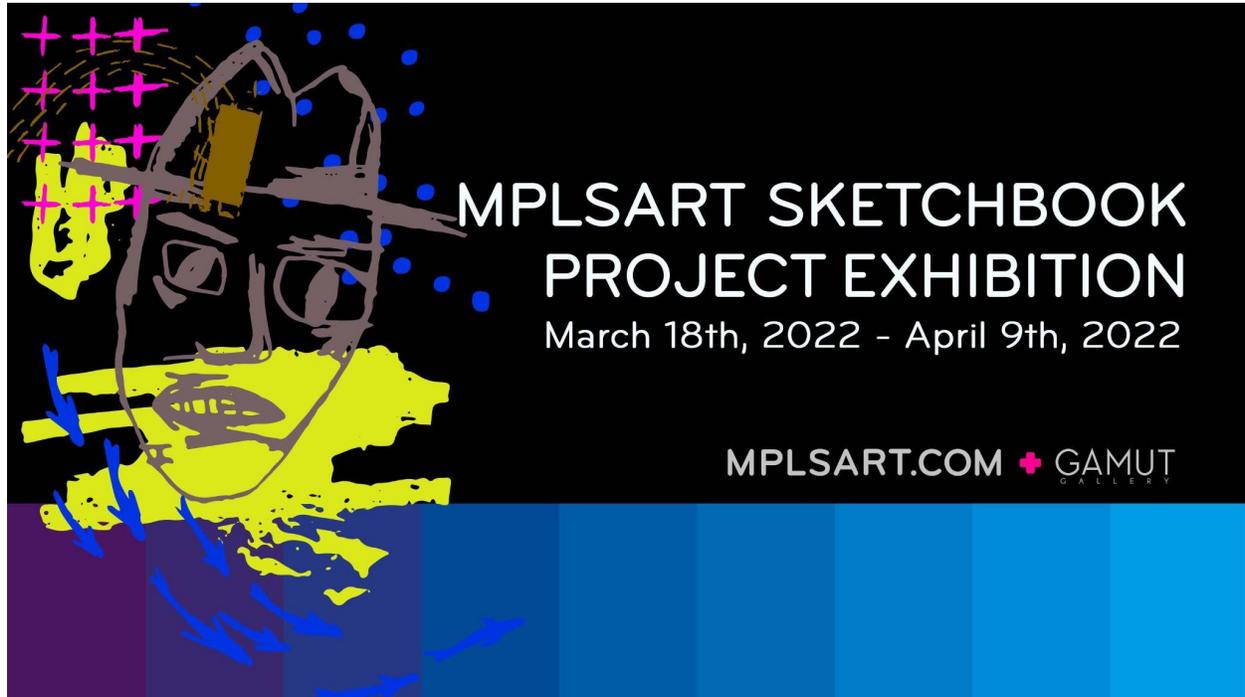


MINNEAPOLIS // March 18th - April 9th, 2022

**MPLSART Sketchbook Project Exhibition** - [MPLSART](http://MPLSART) and Gamut Gallery present the *MPLSART Sketchbook Project Exhibition*, exhibiting 35 new original works from local artists featured in the 2021 project.



**Featuring:** Adam Denton, Alex Kuno, Alison Arens, Alison Bergblom Johnson, Amit Michael, Angel Hawari, Caitlin Karolczak, Chuck U, CL Martin, Cory Favre, Danielle Pebbles, Shade Pratt, Hibaaq Ibrahim, Hilary Greenstein, Jaida Grey Eagle, Jesse Barstad, John Sauer, John Schuerman, Kristina Fjellman, Margarita Sikorskaia, Mary Gibney, Melissa Lee Sisk, Micah Savage, Natalia Berglund, Nicholas Harper, Oni Sakti, Piotr Szyhalski, Ramses Alarcon, Renee Chartier, Ross Auger, Samuel Fleming, Sarah Nicole, Simone Needles, Yunior Rebollar Carbonell, and Yuya Negishi.

We have partnered up with MPLSART once again for the second iteration of the *MPLSART Sketchbook Project Exhibition*. When the 2021 sketchbooks were near the end of their travels, MPLSART and Gamut Gallery connected again to host a brilliant exhibit to showcase the five original sketchbooks and new works from half of the artists contributing to the traveling project.

Given the magnitude of artists and limited wall space, an open call was sent to all 70 artists and the first 35 to respond would have the opportunity to showcase their original work in the exhibition. 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 19 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. 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](#) this May.

#### 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 nearly two decades. The Minneapolis and St. Paul arts community has long been hailed as one of the best in the nation and MPLSART works tirelessly to showcase the hard work of this amazing community as well as strive to create a more sustainable arts scene for all.

The 2021 MPLSART Sketchbook Project is a unique survey of the Twin Cities visual arts community during another challenging year. Started in 2020 as a way to connect and support artists during the pandemic, the 2021 project is the second iteration bringing together a whole new set of amazing Twin Cities artists. Throughout 2021, 70 local artists contributed 120 original works to a series of five traveling sketchbooks. The project will be compiled into a beautiful limited edition book available for presale in March 2022 and the five original sketchbooks will be put up for auction with all net proceeds being divided among the 70 participating artists. Learn more about the [2021 MPLSART Sketchbook Project](#).

### **About Gamut Gallery**

[Gamut Gallery](#), opening its doors circa 2012, is a visual art gallery, gift shop, and performance space on the east side 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 9+ years, we have made a name for ourselves in the Twin Cities art scene as an accessible gallery, showing affordable artwork with a welcoming attitude.

### **Complete list of artists involved in the Sketchbook Project:**

A Drew Hammond, Adam Denton, Alex Kuno, Ali Kahlert, Alison Arens, Alison Bergblom Johnson, Amit Michael, Angel Hawari, Anne Ulku, Anonymous, Barret Lee, Benjamin Brown, Caitlin Karolczak, Charles Denton, Chuck U, CL Martin, Cory Favre, Danielle Pebbles, FOLA (Shade Pratt), Hibaaq Ibrahim, Hilary Greenstein, Ivy Sendrijas, Jaida Grey Eagle, JDecker, John Sauer, John Schuerman, Jordan Wiebe, Joshua Cunningham, Joshua Wilichowsk, Jovan C. Speller, KNZ., Kristina Fjellman, Lazerwulv, Luis Fitch, Maddi Geislinger, Maiya Lea Hartman, Margarita Sikorskaia, Maria Epiphany Robinson, Marty McConnell, Mary Gibney, Matthew J. Bindert, Mel Sue Castillo, Melissa Lee Sisk, Melodee Strong, Micah Savage, Natalia Berglund, Nicholas Harper, Nicole L. Thomas, Noah Lawrence-Holder, Oni Sakti, Pete Driessen, Piotr Szyhalski / Labor Camp, Preston Drum, Ramses Alarcon, Renee Chartier, Ricardo Levins Morales, Ross Auger, Samuel Fleming, Sarah Nicole, Scott Neff, Simone Needles, Star WallowingBull, sunshine gao, Ta-coumba Aiken, Vickie LaCroix, W S Norton, Wenwen Liao, Xee Reiter, Yuniore Rebollar Carbonell, and Yuya Negishi.

### **Members Only & Press Preview Night:**

Thursday, March 17th // 6-8pm

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

- Must be a Member to attend
- Mask Required

### **Public Opening Night:**

Friday, March 18th // 6-9pm

- \$7, FREE for Members
- Pre-sale tickets required, book your [pre-sale](#)
- Mask Required

### **Artists Talk Exhibit Finale:**

Saturday, April 9th, 10am

- \$7 pre-sale • \$5 for Members
- \$10 at the door
- Mask Required

The talk art talk chain consists of curator Blaine Garrett and artists Samuel Fleming, Danielle Pebbles, Melissa Lee Sisk, Piotr Szyhalski, and Jaida Gray Eagle. This is not your typical artist talk. This talk will be a Q&A Chain — a method where Blaine Garrett, of MPLSART, will select a piece that intrigues him and ask the artists a couple of 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  
& Saturday 11am - 4pm.

### **PRESS CONTACT**

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