

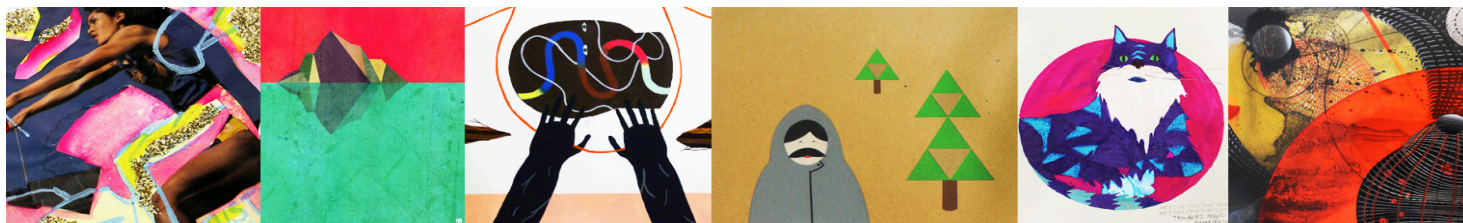
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## *FlatFile Summer Socials* July 9 – August 9, 2014

Opening Receptions: Every Wednesday, 6 – 8pm



Beginning Wednesday, July 9, Transformer launches a five-week series of *Summer Socials* – mini exhibitions of new work from our dynamic *FlatFile* program with *FlatFile* artist-led creative workshops, talks, artistic actions and more.

Launched in spring 2007, Transformer's *FlatFile* is an evolving collection of works in a variety of two-dimensional mediums including collage, photography, painting, drawing, hand silkscreens and prints approximately 16x20" in size and smaller. Featuring more than 200 works by DC, national, and internationally based emerging artists, *FlatFile* works have been presented in art fairs, as well as national and international exhibitions. Transformer's 2014 roster of participating *FlatFile* artists include:

Eames Armstrong	Bradley Chriss	Andrew Kozlowski	Bonner Sale
Max Basch	Cynthia Connolly	Nilay Lawson	Cheyenne Seeley
Carolyn Becker	Adam Griffiths	Joanne V. Lee	Zach Storm
April Behnke	Benjamin Edmiston	Katherine Mann	Tang
Joan Belmar	John Edmonds	Maki Maruyama	Jessika Dené Tarr
Erin Boland	Stephen Gibson	Lisa McCarty	Michael Terzano
Amy Hughes Braden	Elizabeth Graeber	Megan Mueller	Lisa Marie Thalhammer
Reuben Breslar	Allison Long Hardy	Ziad Nagy	Christine Buckton Tillman
Alan Brown	Matt Hollis	Nikki Painter	Underdog
Tabitha Brown	E. Jane	Ding Ren	Jenny Walton
Amanda Burnham	Mariah Anne Johnson	Lauren Rice	Jacob Yeager
Mei Mei Chang	Becca Kallem	Jamison Sarteschi	
Natalie Cheung	Victor Koroma		

New selections of work from the *FlatFile* will be presented weekly through the following schedule of mini-exhibitions, with opening receptions each Wednesday evening, 6-8pm:

Wednesday, July 9 – Saturday, July 12  
Wednesday, July 16 – Saturday, July 19  
Wednesday, July 23 – Saturday, July 26

Wednesday, July 30 – Saturday, August 2  
Wednesday, August 6 – Saturday, August 9

Transformer is thrilled to have the support of Dolcezza, our new neighbor at 1418 14th Street, NW, in providing gelato, espresso and delicious pastries at our *Summer Socials* receptions as part of a new, on-going partnership!

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## *FlatFile Summer Socials* Programming:

**Wednesday, July 9, 6 - 8pm:** Opening Reception

**8pm:** *Something Happened Here:* a performance by *FlatFile* artist **Ziad Nagy**

**Wednesday, July 16, 6-8pm:** Opening Reception: *Whine with Amy*

*FlatFile* artist **Amy Hughes Braden** launches a week-long residency at Transformer with an informal talk about her work.

**Wednesday, July 16 - Saturday, July 19, noon – 6pm:** *showing work (Made in Transformer™)*

Interested in exploring the literal interpretation of 'supporting artists' and 'showing work', *FlatFile* artist **Amy Hughes Braden** will create collages and drawings in Transformer throughout the week, turning the space into a temporary studio. The public is invited to interact and create with her throughout the week.

**Friday, July 18 – Sunday, July 20:** Baltimore Alternative Art Fair, 1714 Charles Street

Transformer will feature selections from the *FlatFile* at the Baltimore Alternative Art Fair alongside 15 other non-profit art spaces from throughout the country. <http://goo.gl/97V7oU>

**Wednesday, July 23, 2 – 8pm:** *Performance on Paper* with **Eames Armstrong**

**6-8pm:** Opening Reception

*FlatFile* artist **Eames Armstrong** will lead a drop-in workshop and discussion on drawing as a practice for developing or documenting performance. Activities and discussion will investigate the relation, the transit and translation of two forms of visual languages through gesture, memory, line, and movement. Some materials provided, participants are encouraged to bring their preferred media.

**Saturday, July 26, 1- 4pm:** *Face It*

*FlatFile* artist **Elizabeth Graeber** will draw portraits of exhibition visitors throughout the afternoon.

**Wednesday, August 6, 2 - 8pm:** *Sorting Stimuli (Orderly Flora)* with **Matt Hollis**

**6 – 8pm:** Opening Reception

*FlatFile* artist **Matt Hollis** will activate Transformer's storefront with a temporary installation of the amassed materials (faux flowers, AstroTurf) and inspirations (living plants, sensuous fabrics) that come together in the creation of his nature-inspired sculptures and collage works. Audience participation is encouraged.

**Saturday, August 9, 1- 4pm:** Potluck Picnic with **Cynthia Connolly**

*Summer Socials* closes with a celebratory potluck picnic and artist talk with *FlatFile* artist **Cynthia Connolly**.

***FlatFile Summer Social* EXHIBITION HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, noon – 6pm.**

Image credits: Carolyn Becker, *Untitled*, 2013; Tabitha Brown, *Iceberg*, 2013; Benjamin Edmiston, *The Rising*, 2012; Tang, *Untitled 1*, 2010; Bonner Sale, *Not the Paw that Takes, yet the Paw that Gives*, 2013; Joan Belmar, *Echoes #2*, 2009

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