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## *The Invincible Visible* Exhibition & Benefit Auction in Support of Transformer

Exhibition: November 4 - 17, 2023

Gala Night: Saturday, November 18, 2023 | 6:30 - 9:30 PM

American University Katzen Arts Center  
4400 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016



This 19th iteration of Transformer's Annual Auction event will feature a two-week public exhibition, *The Invincible Visible*, at American University's Katzen Arts Center, November 4 -17, with a closing [Benefit Gala on November 18](#).

*The Invincible Visible* will feature 150+ artworks in a variety of mediums by DC, national, and international emerging & more established artists, as well as a unique selection of creative 'experiences', presented in person at American University's Katzen Arts Center & via an Online Auction on Transformer's website. With *The Invincible Visible*, Transformer is bringing visibility to new generations of emerging artists, and highlighting the invincible spirit of innovative contemporary art.

"Art is an incredibly powerful tool for unifying communities. Art & artists bring people together, providing platforms for shared experiences and allowing different perspectives to be explored and appreciated. The power of art to inspire wonder - to be thoughtful, to reflect & to think critically - connects us with something bigger than ourselves.

Transformer has been dedicated to connecting, elevating, and serving a diversity of emerging artists and arts leaders toward this shared connection and understanding of our humanity for more than 20 years. Now more than ever, our work to advocate for artists and present their evolving ideas and work feels very vital. We are so grateful to our growing community for supporting the invincible spirit of innovative contemporary art, and the artists who help create fundamental social change through their work." – Victoria Reis, Founder; Executive & Artistic Director, Transformer

Both *The Invincible Visible* exhibition and accompanying online Auction will culminate with a Benefit Gala reception on November 18, 2023. Transformer is very honored to be partnering with the Embassy of Argentina in presenting this year's Annual Auction Exhibition & Benefit Gala, and to have Ambassador Jorge Martín Arturo Argüello as our Diplomatic Chair. A special selection of Argentinian artists' works will be featured.

### Exhibition Programming:

Sat. November 4, 12:30 – 1:30 PM

#### *The Invincible Visible* VLC Preview and Curatorial Walk-Through

Transformer's Visionary Leaders Circle donors are invited to join *The Invincible Visible* co-curators Victoria Reis and Camille DeSanto for a special walk through of the exhibition at American University's Katzen Arts Center on the opening day, with early access to bidding & 'buy now' options.

Sat. November 4, 2:30 – 3:30 PM

#### Argentine Artist Walk-Through

Focus in on the Argentine artists' artworks featured in *The Invincible Visible* with gallerists Gabriela Rosso & Gaby Mizes and artists Claudia Tordini & Alexandra Arata.

Sat. November 11, 12 – 2 PM

#### *The Invincible Visible* Artist Spotlight

Meet and learn about the artwork of *The Invincible Visible* artists Adam Griffiths,

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Heather Harvey, Anthony Le, Gretchen Schermerhorn, Ashley Jaye Williams, Thom Flynn, and Emily Francisco a week before the bidding closes.

**Tues. November 14, 6 – 7 PM**

## **Spotlight on American University Artists**

Join us in the Katzen Center Rotunda for ten minute spotlights on American University student, staff and alumni artists. Get insights on the artworks of Jennifer Sakai, Elizabeth Ashem, Nicole Maloof, Andres Izquierdo, Jenny Walton and Marie Gauthiez.

### *The Invincible Visible Artists include:*

Ebtisam Abdulaziz	C.S. Corbin	Sarah Jamison	Marc Pekala
Nick Abriola	Hoesy Corona	Charles Jean - Pierre	Fernando Poggio
Frank Adams	Alexander D'Agostino	Kaitlin Jencso	Mahy Polymeropoulos
George Adamson	Frank Day	Christopher Kardambikis	Carol Reed
Geoffery Aldridge	Death by Narwhals	Chandi Kelley	Ana Rendich
Brianne Anderson	Claudio Debenedetti	Adele Yiseol Kenworthy	Jill Ricci
Courtney Adair Applequist	Jennifer DiZefalo	Dean Kessmann	Korey Richardson E.
Alexandra Arata	Claire Dunn	Mara Kessmann	Brady Robinson
Jarrett Arnold	Mary Early	Micheline Klagsbrun	Anahi Roitman
Elizabeth Ashe	Alex Ebstein	Shyama Kuver	Kevin Runyon
Ken Ashton	Cheryl Edwards	Jessica Frances Grégoire	Jennifer Sakai
MK Bailey	Matt Eich	Lancaster	Gretchen Schermerhorn
Joan Belmar	Edgar Endress	Anthony Le	Matt Sesow
BHARE	Thom Flynn	Hatnim Lee	Johab Silva
Jeanette Bolden	Martina Fornace	Julio Le Parc	Taylor Sizemore
Maria Bouquet	Emily Francisco	Catie Leonard	Fanni Somogyi
Amy Boone-McCresh	Lao Gabrielli	Silvia Levenson	Maria Soria
Margaret Boozer	Marie B. Gauthiez	Jennifer Lillis	Zach Storm
Maria Bouquet	Roxana Geffen	Andrea Limauro	Emily Strulson
J. Brown	Cristina Ghatti	Katana Lippart	Tang
Lisa Brown	Adam Griffiths	Mayah Monet Lovell	Lisa Marie Thalhammer
Thomas Bunnell	Avi Gupta	Dandan Luo	Franklin Thiel
Lorena Cabrera	Carolina Gutierrez	Nicole Maloof	Eleanor Mahin Thorp
Adriana Carambia	Jason Hamacher	Isabel Manalo	Varvara Tokareva
Ana Castro Feijoo	Jason Hammond	Jaimes Mayhew	Marcelo Toledo
Asha Elana Casey	Heather Harvey	Bryan McGinnis	Claudia Tordini
Jessica Cebra	Rania Hassan	Susana Mendaro	Kelly Towles
Mei Mei Chang	Jeff Herrity	Stephanie Mercedes	Dan Treado
Chan Chao	Bill Hill	Chris Mills	Antonia Tricarico
Fallon Chase	Sarah J. Hull	Kevin Milstead	Jenny Walton
Natalie Cheung	Imar Hutchins	Theo Morrow	Ashley Jaye Williams
Wesley Clark	Andres Izquierdo	Lindsay Mueller	Yuriko Yamaguchi
Michele Colbrun	Rose Jaffe	Victoria Muniagurria	Meena Yi
Adriane Connerton	Greg Jamie	Gladys Nistor	Jiazi Yin
			Trevor Young

***The Invincible Visible* Exhibition Hours at American University's Katzen Arts Center: Wed - Sat, 12 – 5 pm.**

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**t r a n s f o r m e r** is a Washington, DC based 501 (c) 3 artist-centered, non-profit visual arts organization. Founded in June 2002 by artists & arts organizers, Transformer provides a consistent, supportive, and professional platform for emerging artists to explore and present experimental artistic concepts, build audiences for their work, and advance their careers. A catalyst and advocate for contemporary artists and emergent expression in the visual arts, Transformer connects and promotes emerging visual artists within regional, national and international contexts through innovative exhibition and programs partnerships with a broad & diverse range of individual and organizational partners.

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