CHILDREN’S MUSEUM OF MANHATTAN ANNOUNCES NEW ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE FOR ITS POPULAR “ART, ARTISTS & YOU” EXHIBITION

Innovative Exhibit Encourages Children and their Families to Explore Self-Expression and Identity through Art-Making

New York, N.Y., June 4, 2019 – The Children’s Museum of Manhattan (212 West 83rd Street) today announced its next group of four new artists-in-residence for its hugely popular, critically-acclaimed “Art, Artists & You” exhibit. Part interactive art studio, part art exhibition, “Art, Artists & You” is where maker-space meets contemporary art. This exhibition experience is designed to encourage children and their families to explore self-expression and identity through the delights of art-making. Families can create stop motion animation, craft a model of a favorite pet, or collaborate on a massive wall hanging.

The Museum’s new artists-in-residence, Gabino A. Castelán, Patte Loper, Tijay Mohammed and Annesofie Sandal, will work in studios located directly in the exhibit, through the end of the year. Castelán develops spaces through paintings, drawings, sculpture, performance and installation. Loper creates multi-media based works in painting, sculpture, video and technology. Mohammed primarily works with African wax fabric and incorporates other assorted materials and objects. Sandal works with discarded materials, site-specific installation, photography and video.

The artists, whose hours will vary, will demonstrate different practices, processes, and perspectives. They will encourage children and adults alike to express their own ideas through art-making. Each artist engages with a variety of familiar materials such as fabric, paper and found objects, as well as technology. Families will be able to experiment with these same materials and explore similar methods in spaces adjacent to the artists’ studios.

The exhibition which opened last June and is scheduled to run through December 31, 2019, includes 38 original works of art by 22 contemporary artists and features four artists-in-residence. As both an exhibition and laboratory, “Art, Artists & You” invites artists to step outside their studio practice and individual processes in order to challenge, refine and share their work in a unique and open environment. Works by artists Leo Castaneda, Delano Dunn, Amir Hariri, Amber Heaton, Robert Hernandez, James Hsieh, Sara Jimenez, Firoz Mahmud, Deborah Morris, Jasmine Murrell, Natalia Nakazawa, Ana Peñalba, Antonia A Perez, daaPo Reo,
Annesofie Sandal, Nyugen Smith, Adrienne Elise Tarver, Jennifer Williams, Ezra Wube and Yeon Ji Yoo are also on display.

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**About Children’s Museum of Manhattan**

By creating experiences at the intersection of the arts, sciences and the humanities, the Children’s Museum of Manhattan helps children and families thrive at home, at school, and in the community. These experiences include exhibitions, classes, workshops, performances, and festivals. Based on research, evaluation, and testing, CMOM’s programs and exhibits are designed to address the multiple ways children learn and to help parents understand and support their children’s development. The Museum’s special areas of focus—selected for their ability to benefit children throughout their lives—include early childhood education, creativity, health, and world cultures. For more information about CMOM, please visit [www.cmom.org](http://www.cmom.org).