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Distanced but not Separated

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September 23, 2020 (Mesa, AZ) – Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum (MCAM) is excited to announce a new exhibition called *Distanced but not Separated*. The exhibition celebrates the extraordinary talents and history of Mesa Arts Center art studio programs. The artwork will be on display in Mesa Arts Center's theater windows, creating a safe, alternate viewing experience.

"Since we are unable to engage with the public like we normally would in the museum, our new Deputy Director, Illya Riske, came up with the idea of exhibiting artwork in the art center's theater windows under the title *Distanced but not Separated*, as a reference to these pandemic times," explained Tiffany Fairall, Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum Chief Curator. "We loved it! But instead of only featuring artwork from the museum's collection, we proposed showcasing our talented Mesa Arts Center colleagues in the visual arts studios. Since our facilities remain closed to the public and we are not as close as we would like to be during this time, this exhibition embodies our desire to be supportive and united, even if we have to do it from a distance."

The exhibition contains artwork by twenty-eight artists, who currently teach or have made significant contributions to one of the four Mesa Arts Center art studio areas: Ceramics, Glass, Metals and Drawing/Painting/Printmaking. In addition to the artwork, each exhibition will feature timelines highlighting the studio accomplishments and milestones over the past 50 years. Admission to the exhibition is free. The exhibition is open daily until 8 p.m. A complete list of the participating artists is below.

Ceramics

* Jesse Armstrong (Gilbert)

Sandy Blain (Tempe)

Julius Forzano (Scottsdale)

Elliot Kayser (Tempe)

Jenneva Kayser (Tempe)

Larron Lerdall (Mesa)

Farraday Newsome (Mesa)

** Jeff Reich (Mesa)

Drawing / Painting / Printmaking

Jon Arvizu (Scottsdale)

Ron Bimrose (Tempe)
Harold Lohner (Phoenix)
Brent Bond (Scottsdale)
** David Manje (Mesa)
Augie Tantalo (Tempe)
Janet Towbin (Paradise Valley)
* Agustin Vargas (Scottsdale)

Glass

Brooke Breyfogle (Mesa)
Joshua Dopp (Phoenix)
** Laurie Nessel (Tempe)
* Troy Moody (Tempe)
David Vogt (Chandler)
Joan Waters (Tempe)

Metals

Jonathan Leo Brown (Phoenix)
Jewel Clark (Tempe)
Teri Jo Kinnison (Chandler)
** Polly O'Dette (Mesa)
Richard Rozinski (Gilbert)
* Matt Smith (Mesa)

* Current Heads of Mesa Arts Center art studios programs.

** Former Heads of Mesa Arts Center art studios programs.

Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum is located at 1 East Main Street, in downtown Mesa, AZ, 85201. Admission is always free.

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About Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum at Mesa Arts Center

Mesa Arts Center's (MAC) mission is to invite all people to create and discover entertaining, challenging and diverse art and arts experiences within joyous, dynamic and welcoming environments. As part of Mesa Arts Center, Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum (MCA Museum) showcases the best in Contemporary Art by emerging, nationally and internationally recognized artists. MCA Museum provides support and advancement to artists through solo, group and juried exhibitions. MCA Museum's free admission and strong engagement programs provide visitors with free school and public tours, a robust docent program and free artist talks.