

Reimagining our 2021 visual arts programming.

NaAC Artists:

We are quickly approaching one year of living through the pandemic, and what a year it has been! When we first realized that our studio would likely remain closed for the foreseeable future, we responded quickly. In less than two weeks, we launched our online Zoom Studio Session, planned our first round of Fluxkit mail out, started posting online video instructionals, and completely reimaged how we delivered our programming.

Change is never easy, and this last year has been a challenge for us all. As it stands, we can only provide an informed guess at when the NaAC will be open again for in-person studio sessions. However, we're working hard to continue delivering quality programming while we continue to work from home.

Working online has been a new experience for all of us! Throughout the last year, we've tried to pay close attention to how we could improve the delivery of our programming. We are thankful for all of the thoughtful and fantastic feedback received, and we would not have been able to adapt as quickly without it. You shared your thoughts, and we've listened.

With 2021 well on its way, we would like to highlight the positive changes we are making to the delivery of our NaAC at Home programming.

Online Zoom Studio Sessions

Our online studio sessions bring a friendly, fun, and enriching experience while NaAC artists work from home. The sense of connection, belonging, and harmony is meaningful and important while continuing to ward off feelings of isolation. Still, we also want to challenge NaAC artists to expand their artistic horizons. Your feedback indicated that the majority of our artists wanted more structure for our online sessions. That's why we've revised the design of our online Zoom studio sessions to include weekly lesson plans. Each week, NaAC Studio Facilitators will deliver a short, simple, and engaging lessons to all attending artists. These lessons will expand artists' understanding of technical skills, art history, and contemporary art practices.



Upgraded Online Technology

Providing guidance and demoing art-making will be easier with our new visualizer webcams! Each NaAC Studio Facilitator is now equipped with IPEVO document visualizer cameras. Each facilitator will be able to demonstrate art-making techniques in real-time and from their perspective! Artists will see exactly what and how our facilitators create from home, making instructions and visual examples even easier to follow.



Zoom Studio Visits

Come along on our NaAC virtual Studio Visits! With galleries and museums being closed to the public, we decided to bring contemporary artists and artworks into your home with online studio visits. These Studio Visits are a way of creating new opportunities for NaAC artists to engage in creative conversations with other practicing artists from the comfort of our homes. Participating presenters will walk through their studio practice, methods, materials, inspirations, and everything in-between

Special Projects & Artist Opportunities

This year will also bring more special projects and sharing, exhibition, and presenting opportunities for NaAC artists. Although these opportunities will be delivered online, we're still able to facilitate professional development and networking opportunities at a national level through programs like Artist Connect and Sound.coLLAB.



Artist-Designed Fluxkits and Online Workshops

We've now delivered NINE Fluxkits from our studio to your door! Every Fluxkit brings new feedback, and we've been trying our best to accommodate all of the suggestions you have provided. At the start of 2021, we started to work with local contemporary artists to design and deliver unique and inspiring kits. Each month we've worked with a new artist to create a kit that explores aspects of their personal practice. Each kit introduces new and exciting materials and establishes new art-making techniques. We'll also be providing more online workshops that will explore art-making with the materials in the Fluxkits. Delivered through Zoom, these workshops allow a more in-depth and conversational way of engaging with the Fluxkit materials.



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We continue to be bold and reflective with our programming. We look forward to bringing your more artistic experimentation, more boundary-pushing programs, and more artistic growth. We plan to keep our promise, to listen, and to keep NaAC artists at the heart of our organization.

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