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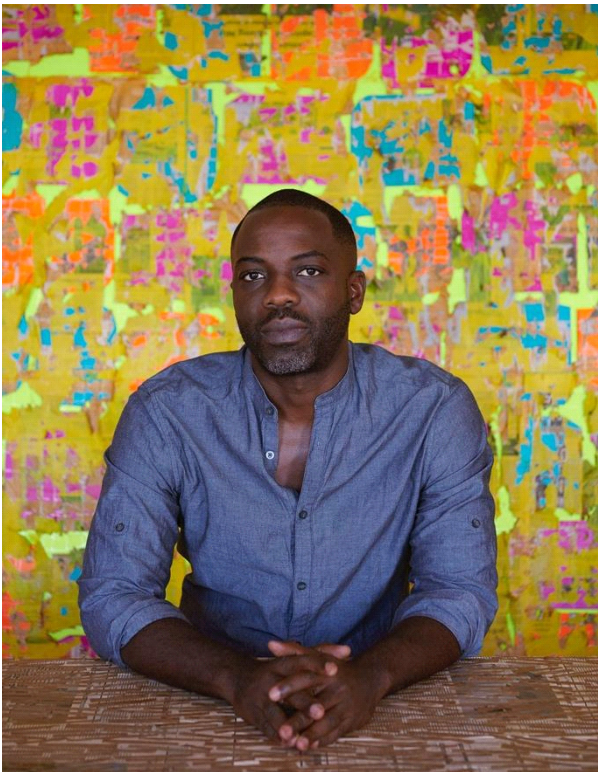
Contemporary Arts Memphis (CAM) hosts ‘Emerging Voices: Spring Invitational’ exhibit May 1 thru 29 to introduce CAM

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 28, 2025 — Contemporary Arts Memphis (CAM) announced the opening of its inaugural gallery exhibition, "Emerging Voices: Spring Invitational," Friday, May 2. The landmark event marks the first public showcase for CAM and features a vibrant collection of works by 9th through 12th-grade artists from across the Memphis-Shelby County area. The exhibit, located in the Contemporary Arts Memphis gallery at 652 Marshall Avenue, will be on view May 1 - 29, by appointment only. To schedule a visit, please contact Arely Herrera at arely@camsummer.org.

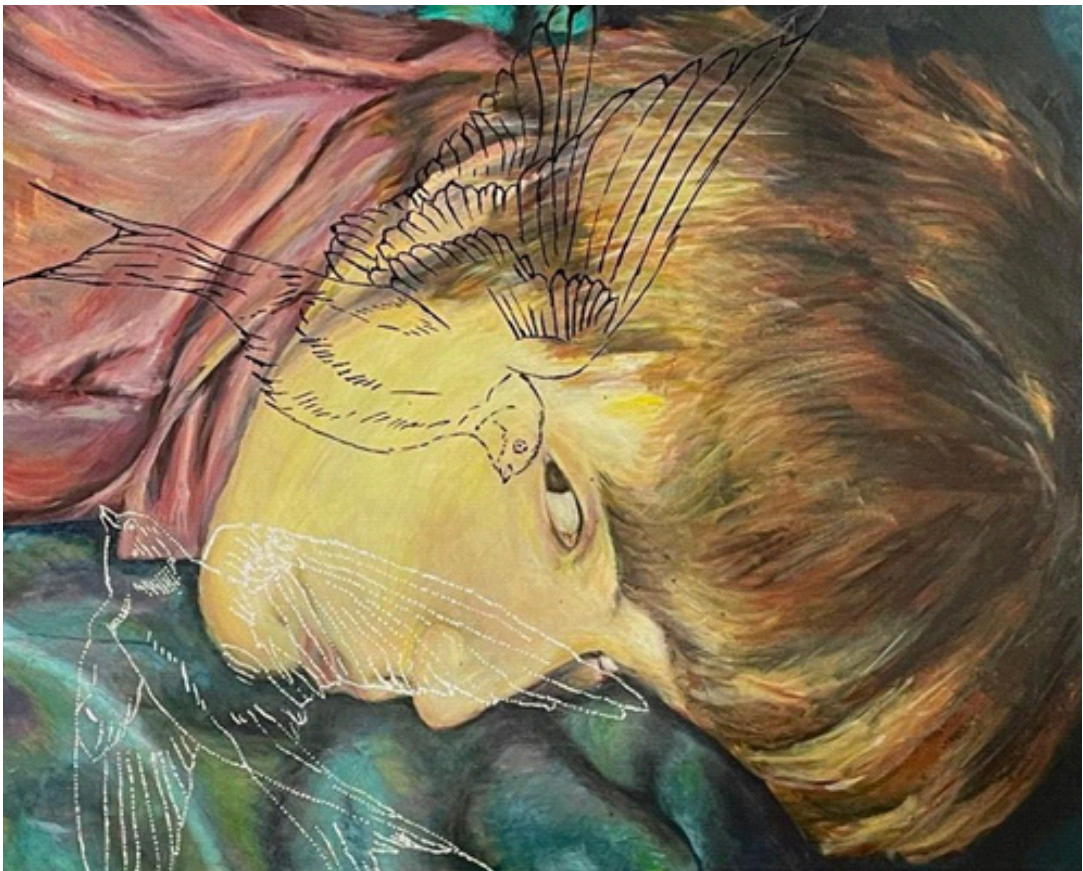
Visiting hours:
Tuesdays: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesdays: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Thursdays: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturdays: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
“Emerging Voices: Spring Invitational” includes 11 exceptional pieces representing the future of Memphis’ creative landscape that were selected out of more than 130 submissions. From painting and drawing to sculpture and mixed media, the exhibition includes both 2D and 3D works, reflecting a diversity of perspectives, techniques, and personal

stories. “CAM is thrilled to open our doors with an exhibition that embodies everything we stand for—elevating youth creativity, investing in artistic futures, and building a vibrant arts community that starts with the next generation,” said Derek Patterson, Executive Director of Contemporary Arts Memphis.

“Emerging Voices: Spring Invitational” is not just an art show—it’s a reception by young people, for young people. The evening is designed to celebrate youth expression, encourage peer-to-peer recognition, and create a welcoming space for teen artists and audiences alike. “CAM is thrilled to open our doors with an exhibition that embodies everything we stand for—elevating youth creativity, investing in artistic futures, and



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“Dualities” - Alvin Ortiz
Medium – Acrylic on Canvas Board
Dimensions - 16 inches X 20 inches

Photos/Courtesy of Contemporary Arts Memphis (CAM)



“Picky Eater” -- Jayna Klo
Medium – Mixed Media
Dimensions – 12.4-inch diameter

building a vibrant arts community that starts with the next generation,” said Derek Patterson, Executive Director of Contemporary Arts Memphis. “Emerging Voices; Spring Invitational” is a cornerstone of CAM’s Year-Round Program, which provides intensive studio practice, portfolio development, and mentorship to aspiring teen artists. Through exhibitions like “Emerging Voices; Spring Invitational” CAM offers young creators both visibility and opportunity—connecting them to future academic, professional, and artistic pursuits. Contemporary Arts Memphis (CAM) is the Mid-South’s first nonprofit focused on identifying and nurturing the next generation of contemporary artists. CAM is a 501(c)3 founded in 2021 by native Memphian and New York-based artist Derek Fordjour.

CAM’s mission is to empower young artists from under-resourced Memphis-area public high schools by offering mentorship, education, travel, and partnership with professional artists and models to student artists participating in the CAM Summer Fellowship Program. This program’s long-range goal is to build a rich, vibrant contemporary arts scene in Memphis and help spur the city’s creative growth. Derek Fordjour, a native Memphian and world-renowned contemporary artist, founded Contemporary Arts Memphis to empower under-resourced student artists and develop their talent. Find CAM Online: <https://contemporaryartsmemphis.org/> <https://instagram.com/contempo->

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Tributes to Louise ‘Lulu’ Roman of ‘Hee Haw’ fame ... from sports-Ent. 5

had.” - Victoria Hallman “Lulu was such an amazing friend of mine. I loved her dearly and had great times with her. I will miss her so much.” – Nancy

Jones “Lulu Roman was always so friendly with everyone. Even though she was a comedian, she had a deep faith and strength in

life. What you saw was who she was. She was the same person on stage as she was off stage. I’ve known her for so many years and her beautiful spirit will always

live on.” - William Lee Golden, The Oak Ridge Boys “I have known Lulu Roman for many years and she was always such a sweet lady to be around.

Her humor and kindness will live on forever and her voice was like no other. We love you Lulu.” - Leona Williams

“Lulu was a national treasure! Like so many, she was in my living room every Saturday night growing up.. dinner time worked around when ‘Hee Haw’ came on the tv at our house. But, God was so kind to have brought my path into Lulu’s path. She was such an encourager and dear friend to me. I admired her talents.. her warm and rich vocals.. her wit was off the charts...She could hold court like no other when she told her stories... colorful and honest... Her faith in her Savior was the story she most wanted to share.. and she did! Her life wasn’t easy.. tragic in so many ways... so much loss.. But, she never saw herself as a victim.. because of what Christ did for her she was VICTORIOUS!!” I loved Lulu and she loved me♥️ – Linda Davis- friend/sister in Christ “I met Lulu in my hometown of Mountain City, Tennessee several years back and loved getting to hear her stories and adventures from over the years. We sure hate to hear of her passing.” - Kody Norris

“I am saddened to hear about the loss of LuLu Roman. I had the opportunity of meeting her at the Opry a few years back and she always knew how to light up a room. She will be dearly missed...” - Makenzie Phipps

“With a voice as warm as her

spirit, LuLu Roman brought laughter and joy to so many around her. Overcoming trials and keeping her faith no matter what is one of the many reasons I loved and admired her. Her memory will continue to sing in our hearts.” - Billie Jo Jones

“We are saddened by the passing of Lulu Roman, a beloved figure in country music and television. Her legacy of laughter, resilience, and faith will not be forgotten.” - Josie Sal

“Lulu Roman was the epitome of an entertainer. She was funny, charismatic and a brilliant vocalist. I enjoyed working with her on stage, but being with her on a personal level was even more fulfilling. Her faith was strong and I look forward to seeing her in Heaven.” - Pretty Miss Norma Jean

“Lulu Roman came into our house every week as I was growing up through ‘Hee Haw.’ I felt as if I knew her even before meeting her. Having the opportunity to work with Lulu and be-friending her became one of my greatest blessings.” - Tracy Pitcox, Heart of Texas Records

"Lulu was as authentic as any person I've ever met which made her a brilliant comedian and actress. The best kept secret was her amazing voice and her love for gospel music. When she sang, she could rattle the gates of heaven. I'm gonna miss you Lu!" Billy Dean, Singer/Songwriter

Marvel Studios assembles unconventional antiheroes in ‘Thunderbolts which lands in theaters on May 2 with thunderous cast

In “Thunderbolts*” Marvel Studios assembles an unconventional team of antiheroes—Yelena Belova (Florence Pugh), Bucky Barnes (Sebastian Stan), Red Guardian (David Harbour), Ghost (Hannah John-Kamen), Taskmaster (Olga Kurylenko) and John Walker (Wyatt Russell). After finding themselves ensnared in a death trap set by Valentina Allegra de Fontaine, (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) these disillusioned castoffs must embark on a dangerous mission that will force them to confront the darkest corners of their pasts. Will this dysfunctional group tear themselves apart, or find redemption and unite as something much more before it’s too late? Jake Schreier directs “Thunderbolts*” and Kevin Feige is the producer. Louis D’Esposito, Brian Chapek and Jason Tamez serve as executive producers. The screenplay was written by Eric Pearson and Joanna Calo, and the story is by Eric Pearson. Marvel Studios’ “Thunderbolts*” is set for release May 2, 2025, in U.S. theaters.

All tied up...



Marvel’s Studios’ Thunderbolts find themselves tied up with nowhere to go — except in theaters on May 2. (L-R) John Walker (Wyatt Russell), Yelena Belova (Florence Pugh), Bucky Barnes (Sebastian Stan), Alexei Shostakov / Red Guardian (David Harbour), and Ghost (Hannah John-Kamen) . (Photo by Chuck Zlotnick.)