



TORPEDO FACTORY ART CENTER

COVID 19 Continuity of Service for Public Programs and Exhibitions March 2020 – September 2022

Building:

- Last Public Program before Shutdown: March 150 Art Part Opening Reception on Saturday, March 14, 2020.
- The Art Center closed to the public on March 19, 2020. Artists continued to have access to their studios.
- The Art Center re-opened to the public on June 12, 2020, with limited days. Days were added as the Commonwealth updated phases.
- The Art Center hosted a vaccine clinic, November 2021 – January 2022.
- The Art Center returned to being open 7 days a week on May 30, 2022.

Artist and Tenant support:

- Provided access to the building during shutdown to work or bring in guests.
- Provided tenants with deferred rent payments.
- Provided artists and tenants with support finding grants and other funding opportunities.
- Began free professional development series.

VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON EXHIBITIONS IN TARGET

GALLERY: All exhibitions are independently juried by professionals, with a new juror/jurors for each exhibit.

2020

- 10th Annual [March 150 Special Exhibition & Art Sale](#), March 14 – 31, 2020 extended to May 31, 2020. Annual exhibition for emerging artists and new art buyers benefiting the Art Center.
- [2020 Solo Exhibition: Tai Hwa Goh](#), June 13, 2020 - July 26, 2020. Site specific kinetic paper sculptures that bloom and change with interaction.
- [2020 Emerging Artists](#), August 1, 2020 - September 13, 2020. Featuring emerging regional artists.
- [Mythos](#), September 19, 2020 - October 25, 2020. Exploring contemporary interpretations of mythology, folklore, and legends.



Image 1: Blu Murphy, Please Don't Touch the Art, 2022. Mixed Media Portrait: photography, spray paint, acrylic paint, acrylic markers, upcycled frame.

- [*In My Head, In My Body*](#), October 31, 2020 - December 13, 2020. Delves into the human psyche and explores themes of mental health and physical health.

2021

- [*2020 Post-Grad Residents*](#), December 19, 2020 - January 17, 2021. Work created by recent Post Grad Resident artists.
- [*Movements, Moments*](#), January 23, 2021 - March 7, 2021. Focused on the intersection of art and movement.
- 11th Annual [*March150: Special Exhibition and Art Sale*](#), March 13, 2021 - April 3, 2021. Annual exhibition for emerging artists and new art buyers benefiting the Art Center.
- [*Those Spaces Between Us*](#), April 10, 2021 - May 23, 2021. Considered the distances between people and their surroundings, becoming its own character in art, history, and memories.
- [*2021 Solo Exhibition: "We, Too, Sing America" by Omolara Williams McCallister*](#), May 29, 2021 - July 18, 2021. Visual, sound, and interactive experience confronting emotional labor of Black women.
- [*A Year In*](#), July 24, 2021 - September 5, 2021. A catharsis view of the past year dealing with COVID-19.
- [*Hypotheses*](#), September 11, 2021 - October 31, 2021. Exploring intellectual experimentation, new ideas, and techniques.
- [*Fall Salon*](#), November 10, 2021 - December 12, 2021. Special exhibit featuring local artists of work priced under \$1,000.
- [*2021 Post-Grad Residents*](#), December 18, 2021 - January 23, 2022. Work created by recent Post Grad Resident artists.

2022

- [*Sweet Tooth*](#), January 29, 2022 - March 6, 2022. Art about decadence, desire, and craving.
- [*2022 Solo Exhibition: LE DRIP: The Uncontainable Sauce of Black Essence*](#), April 23, 2022 - July 17, 2022. Mixed media portraits created as a tribute to the black community and celebrates the essence, beauty, and magic of this resilient and often undervalued group of people. (Image 1)
- [*Through These Eyes*](#), June 10, 2022 - September 4, 2022. (In studio 9) A series of videos that focuses on perspectives of underrepresented identities, including BIPOC identity, LGBTQ+ identity, and physical or mental disabilities.
- [*Turning Tides*](#), July 23, 2022 - September 11, 2022. Exploring climate change.
- [*Body Talk*](#), September 17, 2022 - October 30, 2022. (Also in studio 9) Themed on self-portraiture, exploring identity, culture, gender, and mental health.

PRIMARY VIRTUAL PUBLIC PROGRAMS:

2020

- [*Post Grad Residency Talk Online: Vi Trinh*](#), March 19, 2020. Facebook Live and YouTube.
- [*"A Brush With History" Online Watch Party and Q&A*](#), April 2, 2020. Facebook Live.
- Produced "[*Art in Progress*](#)" series, 2020 - 2022. Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.
- Produced "Sunday Morning at the Art Center" series, 2020. Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.
- [*The Late Shift Online: Arts & The Armed Forces*](#), May 16, 2020. Facebook Live.



Image 2: Graphic for Late Shift Online

- [The Late Shift Online: ALX Pride](#), June 12, 2020. Facebook Live.
- [The Late Shift Online: Art & Allies](#), July 10, 2020. Facebook Live.
- [The Late Shift Online: Emerging Artists](#), August 14, 2020. Facebook Live.
- [The Late Shift Online: Post Grads](#), September 11, 2020. Facebook Live.
- [The Late Shift Online: Art & Allies 2](#), October 9, 2020. Facebook Live.
- [Art Safari Online](#), October 17, 2020. Facebook Live.
- [Holiday Festival Online](#), December 5, 2020. Facebook and YouTube.

2021

- [Post Grad Residency Talk Online: Nicole Wandera](#), March 19, 2021. Facebook Live.
- [March150 Virtual Art Party](#), March 27, 2021. Zoom.
- [The Late Shift Online: Cherry Blossom Jubilee](#), April 9, 2021. Facebook Live.
- [The Late Shift Online: Arts & The Armed Forces](#), May 14, 2021. Facebook Live.
- [Post Grad Residency Talk Online: Lindsey Kircher](#), June 25, 2021. Facebook Live.
- [The Late Shift Online: Art & Allies 3](#), September 10, 2021. Facebook Live.

PRIMARY PUBLIC PROGRAMS:

2021

- Workshops on the Waterfront, 3rd Saturday, Monthly from April 2021 – October 2021.
- [The Late Shift Hybrid: ALX Pride](#), June 11, 2021. Facebook Live and YouTube and In-Person.
- [The Late Shift: America – Then & Now](#), July 9, 2021.
- [The Late Shift: REFRESH](#), August 13, 2021.
- [The Late Shift: The Art of Questioning](#), October 8, 2021.
- [26th Annual Art Safari](#), October 16, 2021.
- [Art Fest](#), November 14, 2021.
- [Holiday Festival](#), December 4, 2021.

2022

- Post Grad Reception, January 9, 2022.
- [March150 Art Party](#), March 12, 2022.
- [Cherry Blossom Jubilee](#), April 10, 2022. (Image 3)
- Workshops on the Waterfront, 3rd Saturday, Monthly from April 2022 – September 2022.
- [The Late Shift: Art & Technology](#), May 13, 2022.
- [The Late Shift: ALX Pride](#), June 10, 2022.
- [Juneteenth at the Art Center](#), June 19, 2022.
- [Taste of Art](#), July 17, 2022.
- [The Late Shift: Sidewalk Art Party](#), August 12, 2022.
- [The Late Shift: Heritage](#), September 9, 2022.



Image 3: Cherry Blossom Jubilee

ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS:

2020

- September 15, 2020: Copyright and Trademark Protection and Use. Free, Creative Entrepreneurs Series in partnership with the [Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts](#).
- September 22, 2020: Business Entities Formation. Free, Creative Entrepreneurs Series in partnership with the [Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts](#).
- September 29, 2020: Contracts and Licensing. Free, Creative Entrepreneurs Series in partnership with the [Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts](#).
- October 6, 2020: Negotiation Strategies. Free, Creative Entrepreneurs Series in partnership with the [Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts](#).
- October 13, 2020: Tax Strategies. Free, Creative Entrepreneurs Series in partnership with the [Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts](#).
- October 20, 2020: Grants. Free, Creative Entrepreneurs Series in partnership with the [Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts](#).
- November 10, 2020: Top 10 Business Strategies for Artists: Increase Your Client Volume and the Visibility of Your Work. Free, in partnership with [Client Raiser](#).
- December 10, 2020: Mind Your Art Business: How to Sustain Your Art Practice During COVID-19. Free, in partnership with [Client Raiser](#).

2021

- January 26, 2021: Portfolio & Outreach Tips for Artists. Free, in partnership with [Latela Curatorial](#).
- February 9, 2021: E-commerce for Artists & Makers. Free, in partnership with [Latela Curatorial](#).
- February 23, 2021: Exhibiting Art Online. Free, in partnership with [Latela Curatorial](#).
- March 9, 2021: Pricing Artwork. Free, in partnership with [Latela Curatorial](#).

2022

- September 14, 2022: [Data + Storytelling = Impact \(Part 1\)](#)
- September 28, 2022: [Data + Storytelling = Impact \(Part 2\)](#)
- November 9, 2022: [E-commerce Principles for Artists, Makers, and Performing Artists](#)
- November 17: [Business Plan Essentials](#)
- Fall, 2022: [Partnerships with New York Foundation for the Arts](#)

The Torpedo Factory Art Center is managed by the City of Alexandria's Office of the Arts, a division of the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities.

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