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Associated Artists of Pittsburgh and Indiana University of Pennsylvania Present:

# lost in the flood

INDIANA, Pennsylvania (January 20, 2020) – Associated Artists of Pittsburgh and Indiana University of Pennsylvania present *lost in the flood*, an exhibition juried and curated by Courtenay Finn, Chief Curator of MOCA Cleveland. The exhibition features work by thirteen members of Associated Artists of Pittsburgh. The exhibition is on view at Kipp Gallery, located on the first floor of Sprowls Hall at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, from January 21 – February 14, 2020. An artist reception will be held on Thursday, February 6th at 6:00pm.

# From the Curatorial Statement:

lost in the flood examines the fragile relationship between success and failure, fear and desire, and the promise of the past and the promise of the future. Taking inspiration for its title in equal measure from CAConrad's 2013 poem "coping skills lost in the flood" and Bruce Springsteen's 1973 song "Lost in the Flood" the exhibition reminds us that art, like literature and music, has the power to transport us, allowing entry into new landscapes and the opportunity to see beyond what is right in front of us.

Earlier this winter, Finn visited both Indiana and Pittsburgh. At Indiana, she spent the day meeting with MFA students and examining their work. That evening, Associated Artists held a meet and greet where members had a chance to meet Courtenay and network with one another.

"We couldn't be happier to be partnering with both Courtenay and IUP," says Associated Artists Executive Director Madeline Gent. "Courtenay has been great—studio visits with the MFA students at IUP, meeting our members, and, of course, the work on the exhibition. The faculty and staff at Indiana University of Pennsylvania have been so open and welcoming. We are very excited for everyone to see the show."

"I am extremely thrilled to be collaborating with AAP and Courtenay Finn here at Kipp Gallery," says Kipp Gallery Director Ashley A. Jones. "The rich and historic legacy of the organization and its members represent a great example of the diverse creative talent we have in the Pittsburgh region. I am equally excited to have the opportunity to connect our IUP students and the local Indiana community to the contemporary artwork from AAP members."

Admission to Kipp is free, and the exhibition is open to the public. More information about the exhibition can be found at <a href="mailto:aapgh.org">aapgh.org</a> or by calling (412)361-1370. Kipp Gallery hours are Tuesday–Friday, noon–4:00 p.m. Closed Sunday, Monday, and university holidays.

An artist reception will be held on Thursday, February 6th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. It is free and open to the public.

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# **About Associated Artists of Pittsburgh**

The Associated Artists of Pittsburgh (AAP) is the oldest continuous-exhibiting artist member organization in the country. At over 530 members, AAP enhances the region's cultural vitality and promotes visual arts excellence by showcasing artists' work through contemporary exhibitions, providing community-based education programs, and facilitating a broad dialogue to engage artists with one another and the community. Membership is achieved through a juried process, and the next membership screening opens in later 2020.

# **About Kipp Gallery**

Kipp Gallery and the Kipp Annex Gallery, located in Sprowls Hall at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, offers a variety of art exhibits throughout the year including touring exhibits, invitationals, and works by advanced students in the Department of Art and Design. Kipp Gallery provides a forum for students, faculty and visual artists to explore the relationship between art and the forces, which shape its creation.

# **Exhibiting Artists**

Karen Antonelli, Lauren Braun, Jessica Alpern Brown, Kathleen Kase Burk, Kevin Clancy, Dan Droz, Lisa Bergant Koi, Thomas Norulak, Kevin O'Toole, Derek Reese, Lauren Scavo, Tyler Stanton, and Richard A. Stoner.