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Curated by Xavier Ellis

Online Exclusive

EXHIBITION DATES Tuesday 14 November - Sunday 31 December 2023

EXHIBITION LINK <https://contemporaryartacademy.com/exhibitions-2/>

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Contemporary Art Academy is delighted to announce its second online graduate exhibition FINAL SHOW, curated by co-founder Xavier Ellis.

FINAL SHOW includes 16 emerging to mid-career artists who have graduated from the academy's online Development programme. The exhibition will be presented on contemporaryartacademy.com using the virtual platform Kunstmatrix. It will be available to view from Tuesday 14 November 2023.

FINAL SHOW is a culmination of Contemporary Art Academy's flagship Development programme. Artists enter with PERSONAL PRACTICE (PG-1); unlock CRITICAL CONTEXT (PG-2); and graduate to PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE (PG-3).

Contemporary Art Academy is an online educational initiative co-founded by artist and former Elephant Academy manager Mathew Gibson (Griffin Art Prize, Elephant Lab residency programme) and artist curator Xavier Ellis (CHARLIE SMITH LONDON, THE FUTURE CAN WAIT, PROJECT POPYROPHILIA, Young Gods, Ukraine Support Pledge). The academy's objective is to deliver premium online art education for affordable prices, provided by leading contemporary artworld professionals.

Artwork is for sale - to enquire please email office@contemporaryartacademy.com and to learn more

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Editor's Notes:

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Contemporary Art Academy provides online courses for artists at all stages in their careers. DEVELOPMENT (PG) courses are for artists who maintain a studio practice and want to advance their practical, critical and professional capabilities. DISCOVERY courses are for all artists looking to explore the creative process and develop new ways of making and thinking. INSTRUCTIONAL courses are for all artists wishing to learn or develop technical skills. The TALKS PROGRAMME provides an opportunity for all artists and non-artists to attend a monthly conversation and Q&A with established artworld professionals.

Zavier Ellis is an international curator, artist and originator of multiple art-based initiatives. Zavier is founder and director of CHARLIE SMITH LONDON, a curatorial gallery project that runs off-site exhibitions in diverse locations. He was also co-founder and co-curator of the museum scale exhibition for emerging artists *THE FUTURE CAN WAIT*, which between 2011 and 2014 was organised in partnership with *Saatchi's New Sensations*. In response to recent global events Zavier launched the online work on paper initiative PROJECT POPYROPHILIA during the first lockdown; and the Ukraine Support Pledge with Matthew Burrows MBE to raise funds by selling artwork for the Ukraine Crisis Relief Fund. As an artist Zavier's work is placed in world class private collections and he has exhibited globally, including museum shows in Austria, Lithuania, Turkey, UK and US.

Mathew Gibson is the co-founder of Contemporary Art Academy. He is an award-winning artist, educator and project manager. He was Professor of Painting and Foundation Studies at The Savannah College of Art and Design, USA between 2006 and 2008. Between 2012 and 2021 Mathew worked for the biggest art materials manufacturer globally, founding and running the Griffin Art Prize, Elephant Lab residency programme and Elephant Academy. In 2022 Mathew co-founded Contemporary Art Academy with Zavier Ellis.
