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## **HOUSTON CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY CRAFT ANNOUNCES 2022 - 2023 RESIDENT ARTISTS**

**(HOUSTON, TX) July 22, 2022** — Houston Center for Contemporary Craft (HCCC) is pleased to announce its newest class of residents for 2022 – 2023, a group of outstanding artists working in a variety of craft disciplines.

For more than 20 years, the Center's artist residency program has offered time and space for craft artists to focus on their creative work and interact with the public. The program supports emerging, mid-career, and established artists working in all craft media, including but not limited to clay, fiber, glass, metal, wood and mixed media. This year, more than 145 artists applied from all over the U.S. and beyond, and 11 artists were selected for a three-to-twelve-month residency. The juried selection was based on quality of creative work, ability to interact with the public, career direction, and program diversity. In addition to 24/7 access to studio space, HCCC provides the artists with a materials-and-living stipend, a variety of professional development opportunities, and a group exhibition at the conclusion of the residency cycle.

Residents are required to have their studios open for at least two days each week, giving visitors the unique opportunity to walk in, ask questions, and watch them work. This deeper level of interaction between artists and visitors allows the public to learn about a range of craft processes and techniques and helps artists to gain exposure, make connections within the Houston community, and educate people of all ages about craft.

The artist residency program is generously supported by funding from the Windgate Foundation; National Endowment for the Arts; the John & Robyn Horn Foundation; Susan Vaughan Foundation, Inc.; and the Gordon A. Cain Foundation. Grant support contributes to monthly stipends for the residents, as well as the operations, exhibitions, and administrative needs of the innovative program.

### **HCCC 2022 - 2023 Resident Artists**

**Bennie Flores Ansell**, Craft + Photography (Houston, Texas)  
Interdisciplinary Craft + Photography Residency (in collaboration with Houston Center for Photography)  
Fall 2022  
<https://www.benniefloresansell.com>

**Margot Becker**, Fiber (Hudson, New York)  
Spring 2023  
<https://www.margotbecker.com>

**Felicia Dean**, Fiber (Knoxville, Tennessee)  
Summer 2023

**Juan Escobedo**, Fiber (El Paso, Texas)  
Summer 2023  
<https://www.ice-art.com>

**Ian Gerson**, Fiber (Houston, Texas)  
Summer 2023  
<https://iangerson-blog.tumblr.com>

**Miles Gracey**, Wood (Cambria, CA)  
Winter 2022 – Spring 2023

**Guadalupe Hernandez**, Fiber (San Miguel de Allende, Mexico)  
Summer 2023  
<https://www.guadalupehernandezart.com>

**Yeonsoo Kim**, Clay (Hae-nam, South Korea)  
Fall 2022 – Spring 2023  
<https://www.yeonsooceramics.com>

**Shradha Kochhar**, Fiber (New Delhi, India)  
Fall 2022

**Lakea Shepard**, Fiber (Winston-Salem, North Carolina)  
Fall 2022 - Spring 2023  
<http://www.lakeashepard.com>

**Rebekah Sweda**, Clay (Detroit, Michigan)  
Winter 2022  
<https://www.rebekahsweda.com>

The fall residents move into their studios at HCCC this September. The application for the 2023 - 2024 residency cycle opens January 1, 2023. More details about the artist residency program can be found at <https://www.crafthouston.org/artists/residents/apply-to-program/>.

### **About Houston Center for Contemporary Craft**

Houston Center for Contemporary Craft (HCCC) is a nonprofit visual arts center dedicated to advancing education about the process, product, and history of craft. For more than 20 years, HCCC has served as a treasured resource in the Houston arts community and the region by showcasing emerging and acclaimed artists in exhibitions, introducing visitors of all ages to contemporary craft through hands-on and virtual programming, and supporting the development of working artists through its artist residency program.

HCCC is open Tuesday - Saturday, 10 AM – 5 PM. Admission is free. Before visiting, the public should visit [www.crafthouston.org](http://www.crafthouston.org) to view visitor guidelines. HCCC is located in the Museum District at 4848 Main Street, three blocks south of the Wheeler Ave. MetroRail station. Free parking is available directly behind the facility, off Rosedale and Travis Street.

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