



**BOUNTIFUL
DAVIS
ART
CENTER**



BUILDING UTAH'S NEXT GENERATION OF ARTISTS

**A PARTNERSHIP VISION FOR THE STATEWIDE EMERGING
ARTISTS' ANNUAL**

The Statewide Emerging Artists' Annual (SWEAA) is more than a juried exhibition. It is the foundation of BDAC's commitment to helping emerging artists bridge the gap between the classroom and professional practice.

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UTAH'S COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES PREPARE EXCEPTIONAL ARTISTS.

Through dedicated faculty, rigorous studio practice, critique, and research, students develop the technical skill and creative vision that will shape Utah's cultural future.

THE NEXT STEP, HOWEVER, OFTEN HAPPENS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM.

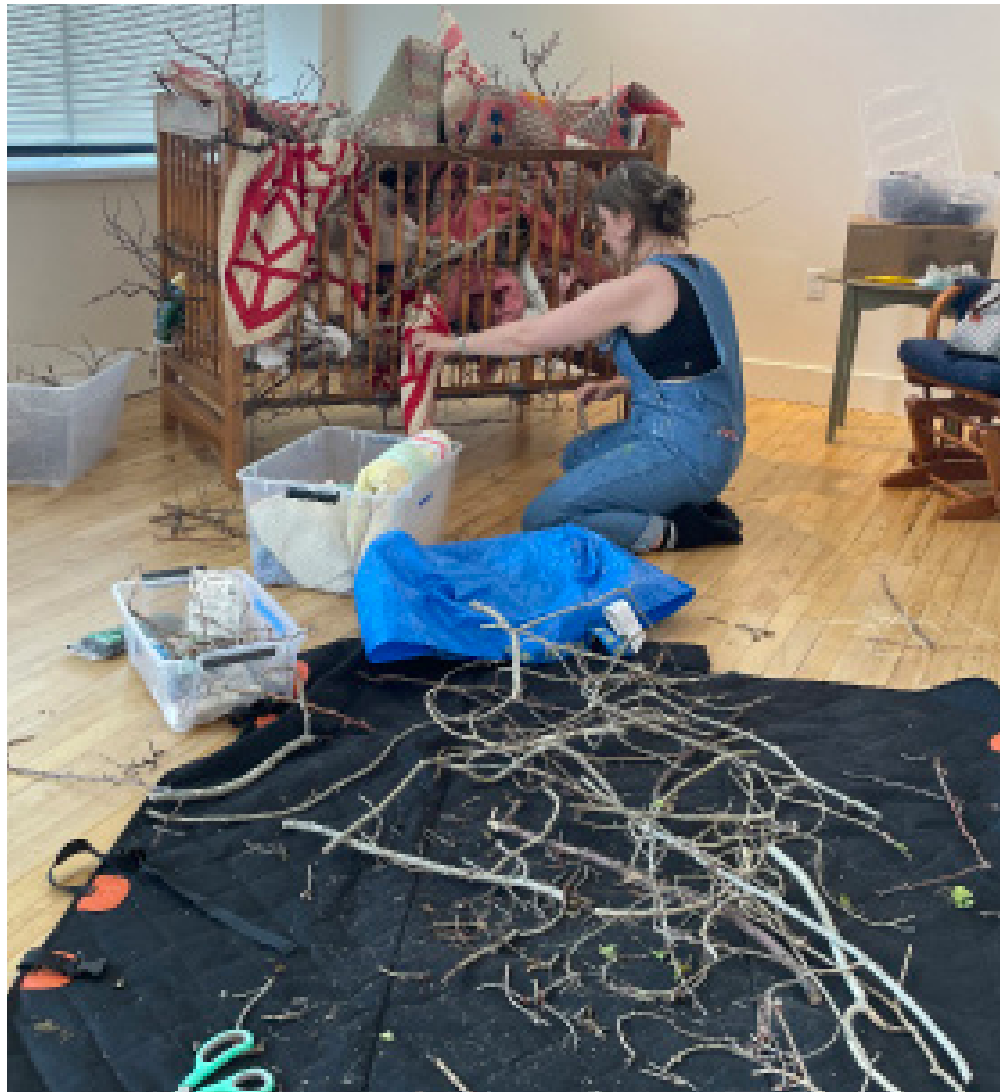
SWEAA EXISTS TO EXTEND THAT EDUCATION BEYOND GRADUATION.

Hosted by the Bountiful Davis Art Center, SWEAA provides emerging artists with a professionally curated exhibition, unrestricted artist awards, public recognition, and meaningful connections with artists, educators, and arts leaders across the state.

For more than fifty years, BDAC has connected artists and audiences through exhibitions and education. Today, we are strengthening the bridge between higher education and professional opportunity.

Together, we can help Utah's next generation of artists take the next step.

> Sydney Porter Williams, Best In Show winner 2025 Installing 2026 exhibition: "Grief | Potential Grief"



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

The transition from the classroom to professional practice is shaped by experience. The Statewide Emerging Artists' Annual complements university education by providing opportunities that are difficult to replicate in an academic setting alone.



PROFESSIONAL EXHIBITION

Present work in a professionally curated exhibition that introduces emerging artists to new audiences while building confidence and exhibition experience.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Receive meaningful feedback and recognition through respected guest jurors, unrestricted artist awards, and the opportunity for a Best in Show solo exhibition.

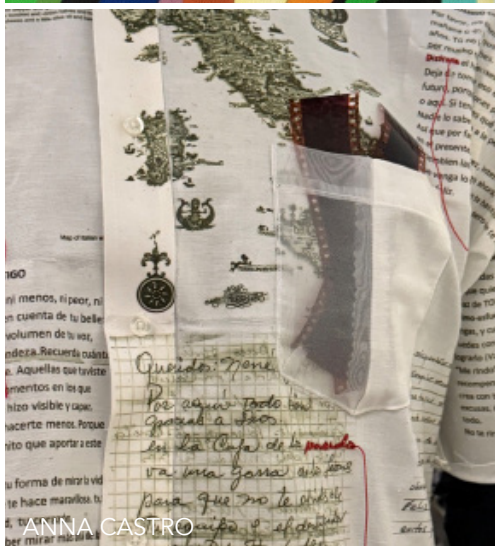
PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS

Build relationships with artists, educators, curators, collectors, and arts leaders from across Utah, expanding professional networks that often lead to future opportunities.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Through exhibition mentorship, students and emerging artists work alongside BDAC staff and exhibiting artists, gaining hands-on experience with artwork handling, exhibition installation, lighting, curatorial planning, and the collaborative work that brings exhibitions to life.

Whether pursuing careers as exhibiting artists, educators, curators, preparators, or arts administrators, these experiences provide practical knowledge that strengthens classroom learning and prepares artists for professional practice.





BECOME A FOUNDING ACADEMIC PARTNER

The future of Utah's arts community depends on strong partnerships between educators, cultural organizations, businesses, and supporters who believe emerging artists deserve meaningful opportunities to succeed.

We invite colleges and universities to become Founding Academic Partners in helping shape the future of the Statewide Emerging Artists' Annual.

Together we can:

- Expand unrestricted artist awards.
- Increase professional development opportunities.
- Strengthen connections between higher education and professional practice.
- Create exhibition mentorship opportunities for students.
- Ensure Utah's emerging artists have access to professional exhibition experiences early in their careers.

Founding Academic Partners will be recognized as leaders in developing Utah's next generation of artists while demonstrating their commitment to creativity, education, and community.

Together, we are building more than an exhibition.
We are building the future of Utah's creative community.

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