

# Surface Impressions

A Juried Relief Print Exhibition | June 5<sup>th</sup> – August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 | LUX Center for the Arts + Constellation Studios



The LUX Center for the Arts, in cooperation with Constellation Studios, will present 'Surface Impressions,' an ambitious exhibition focusing on hand-produced relief prints from woodblock, linoleum cut, wood engraving, and mixed media relief prints.

This showcase will bring fine art prints to the forefront, enabling Lincoln, the LUX Center for the Arts, and Constellation Studios to join in a world-wide conversation about creative innovations in prints.

Surface Impressions intends to connect artists and audiences to the 21st century language of relief printmaking as a viable artistic engagement for today.

Seventy-five prints will be selected by Juror Mark Pascale, the Janet and Craig Duchossois Curator of Prints and Drawings, the Art Institute of Chicago. Fifty prints will be on display at the LUX Center for the Arts, and 25 will be on display at Constellation Studios.

This inaugural biennial of relief prints here in the center of America will showcase artists from around the country and abroad, all selected from an open call for entries. The works on exhibition focus on the role of the relief print as a means of cultural critique and exploration of this ancient but newly invigorated discipline as practiced and defined by today's artists.

## Dates + Details:

**December 1, 2019** – Open for Submissions (online)

**April 1, 2020** – Deadline for submissions

**April 15, 2020** – Artists Notified

**June 3-6, 2020** – Juror events, opening, award selection

**Summer 2020** – Events, workshops, steamroller printing

**Eligible works:** Original fine art prints from woodblocks, wood engravings, linoleum, and alternative relief surfaces; prints are to be printed on paper; created in 2017 to 2020. All national and international artists (18 years and older) are eligible to enter 3 works.

*Information available online TBA.*

*Portal for submission TBA.*

# Special Events

Planned in conjunction with *Surface Impressions*.

## JUNE

### Print-gressive Dinner

A special preview of the *Surface Impressions* exhibit with dinner at the LUX Center for the Arts and dessert at Constellation Studios. This event will be a fundraiser for the LUX Center for the Arts. *Sponsors attend free.*

## JULY

### Nine Nebraska Artists Wheat Paste Woodcut Print Installations

Nine posters will be created by nine Nebraska artists who do not normally do woodcut prints. Throughout July, these nine prints will be wheat pasted at various locations throughout the city in locations to be determined. *Sponsors will get one signed print from the artist of their choice.*

## AUGUST

### Steamroller Print Making Demonstration

As part of LUX's annual Summerfest, there will be an artist led steamroller print demonstration with yes, a steamroller, which is used to make an extra large print.

# Schedule of Events

(Subject to Change)

JUNE  
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6-9PM

### Print-gressive Dinner + Exhibition Preview

Dinner at LUX Center for the Arts  
Dessert at Constellation Studios

JUNE  
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5-8PM

### First Friday Opening Reception:

LUX Center for the Arts  
Constellation Studios

### Curator Talk:

Mark Pascale, *Art Institute of Chicago*

JULY  
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4-6PM

### First Friday Opening Reception:

LUX Center for the Arts  
Constellation Studios

*First Friday at the LUX will feature Strawberry Shortcake and a flag print making activity for families.*

JULY  
TBD

*Dates + Locations TBD*

### Nine Nebraska Artists Woodcut Prints

Wheat Paste Print Installation

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5-8PM

### First Friday Opening Reception:

LUX Center for the Arts  
Constellation Studios

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12-4PM

### Summerfest

LUX Center for the Arts

*Steamroller Print Making Demonstration,  
Art Activities, Music and More!*

*Print-making workshops to be announced soon!*

Entry Deadline: April 1, 2020 | [www.surfaceimpressions.art](http://www.surfaceimpressions.art)