



***THREADS OF RESISTANCE* SHOWCASES ARTWORKS BY 10 EMERGING YOUNG ARTISTS, EXPRESSING JOURNEYS OF RESISTANCE - AT WITHROW COMMON GALLERY.**

PRESENTED BY SKETCH WORKING ARTS

For Immediate Release:

- ***Threads of Resistance*** is a free exhibition led by emerging artists using visual arts, video documentary, and photography to express and prompt critical dialogue around art and activism.
- ***Threads of Resistance*** launches on Nov. 3 at 5pm, at Withrow Common Gallery (200 Princes' Blvd. at the CNE) and continues until Nov. 15. Press is invited to attend and promote.
- The exhibition celebrates the **25th Anniversary of SKETCH Working Arts**. Since 1996, SKETCH has engaged over 18,000 young people on the margins making radical art to transform lives and communities.

October 18, 2022 (Toronto, ON) Toronto's arts-and-culture-going public are invited to ***Threads of Resistance***, running from November 3-15 at Withrow Common Gallery (200 Princes' Blvd, at the CNE). Guests can expect thought-provoking, eclectic pieces that reveal how radical art can cultivate social change and confront power structures and inequalities within our society.

SKETCH presents

THREADS OF RESISTANCE

Critical dialogue on Art & Activism
Opening Nov 3rd, 5 – 8PM

EXHIBITION
November 4th – 15th
Public Hours: 11AM – 7PM

WITHROW COMMON GALLERY
200 PRINCE'S BLVD AT THE CNE IN TORONTO

FEATURING Ashley Beerdar, Emmerson Outlaw, Bert Whitecrow, Martin Gomez, Renaissance (aka social_anti), Ashton NightHawk, Dev Ramsawhki, Ozge Dilan Arslan

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A CNE Association Venue

Since May 2022, eight artist-researchers have been collaborating with former SKETCH Directors, Phyllis Novak and Rose Gutierrez, to visually map SKETCH's 25-year journey and tease out key moments of artistic activism within broader social, political, and cultural contexts.

The result is *Threads of Resistance*, a collaborative, immersive exhibition that will inspire guests and celebrate the incredible artists and arts workers who have been a part of building SKETCH since 1996.



"2020," by artist Emmerson Outlaw, one of the many thought-provoking works featured

Threads of Resistance featured artists include: Ashley Beardat, Emmerson Outlaw, Bert Whitecrow, Martin Gomes, Ashton NightHawk, Renaissance (aka_social_anti), Dev Ramsawakh, and Özge Dilan Arslan.

The exhibition will also premiere ***Year of Public Art Retrospective***, a documentary by media artists Jahmal Nugent and Xeynamay.

[Learn about these artists here.](#)

Threads of Resistance

Opening Exhibition: November 3, 2022, 5pm-8pm

Location: Withrow Common, 200 Princes' Blvd, Toronto

Public Hours: November 4-15, 11am to 7pm (closed Sundays)

Press Kit: [here](#)

Media opportunities! Contact dale@sketch.ca to:

- Cover or broadcast from the *Threads of Resistance* launch on November 3, starting at 4pm
- Interview SKETCH Founder Phyllis Novak at the launch (or online, before November 3)
- Interview featured *Threads of Resistance* artists at the launch (or online, before November 3)
- Publish photo and video assets of artworks ready for publication in our press kit [here](#).

The public and press are also invited to Night Market, a holiday market featuring one of a kind artworks, live music, food and DJs, representing the wide range of artists across SKETCH. Nov 18-19, 4pm-10pm. Updates at www.sketch.ca/25th and [@sketchtoronto](https://www.instagram.com/sketchtoronto) on Instagram.

About SKETCH

SKETCH engages marginalized young people in the transformative power of the arts. Since 1996, over 18,000 young people have participated in programming at SKETCH. Learn more about SKETCH at www.sketch.ca and follow @SKETCHToronto.