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Washington, DC: Hamiltonian Artists is pleased to present *new.now.*, our annual group exhibition debuting the work of Hamiltonian's five distinguished 2020–2022 Fellows—Maria Luz Bravo, Jason Bulluck, Joey Enriquez, Stephanie Garon, and Lionel Frazier White III. The exhibition is presented at and in partnership with Culture House from February 13 through March 21, 2021. There will be a virtual opening Artist Talk on February 13 at 6pm.

This exhibition provides a brief survey of these five artists' recent work and the projects they will be expanding upon during their time with Hamiltonian Artists. Though they all have unique practices and approaches, common themes of place and space, materiality, change, and the body emerge in all of the work, offering an opportunity to reflect on common salient issues.

Maria Luz Bravo will be showing a selection of photographs from her ongoing series In Passing (2013–), which documents moments both quotidian and poetic that the artist encounters along her way. Jason Bulluck is including his larger-than-life Jacob Lawrence Playset (2018), his self-styled action figure that travels the world with him to help question dominant social and political constructs by disrupting the expected vista. Joey Enriquez has been working primarily in innovative printing techniques using found organic materials. He will present a selection of his most recent prints made at various sites beside the Potomac alongside clay monotypes of his grandmother's photo album that recall a palpable absence. Stephanie Garon's two included sculptural works, Concede (2020) and Prey (2021), juxtapose industrial and natural materials in consideration of balance and agency. Lionel Frazier White III works in drawing, painting, mixed-media collage, and installation to mine the legacies of forced and coerced labor, erasure, and gentrification. He will be showing a selection of new paintings and collage on found family photographs.

The 2020–2022 Fellows were selected by an independent national jury of arts professionals—Kayleigh Bryant-Greenwell, head of public programs with the Smithsonian American Art Museum and the Renwick Gallery; Larry Cook, assistant professor of photography at Howard University; Hasan Elahi, professor and director of the School of Art at George Mason University; Carl Gunhouse, co-founder and director of Transmitter Gallery, New York; and Erin Jane Nelson, executive director of *Burnaway*.

About Hamiltonian Artists

Hamiltonian Artists is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to build a dynamic community of innovative artists and effective visual art leaders by providing professional development opportunities to innovative new artists and by advancing their entrepreneurial success. Through its unique investment into the next generation of cutting-edge artists, Hamiltonian helps artists to develop important business skills, professional experiences, and visibility to support and sustain their art career. Through artist talks, public events, and its membership program, the organization contributes to the vitality of DC's burgeoning arts scene by deepening the appreciation for contemporary art and culture throughout Washington, DC, and beyond.

About Culture House

Culture House is a 501(c)3 dedicated to the arts and community. Founded on the principle that art is a catalyst for change in the community, Culture House is dedicated to providing inspiration and motivation for those who encounter its power. Culture House's mission is to provide a functional art space for all to enjoy and learn more about the arts and culture through exhibitions, events, live performances, and hands-on workshops. Located at 700 Delaware Avenue SW, Culture House (formerly known as BlindWhino) is an art object itself, with the exterior fully painted by renowned muralist HENSE, and serves as a pillar for creativity in our nation's capital.

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new.now. will be on view at Culture House, 700 Delaware Ave. SW, Washington, DC, 20024, Saturdays from 12 to 3pm, and by appointment.

For the safety of our community and staff, all staff and visitors will be required to wear a mask. Only one party and maximum of ten visitors will be allowed at a time. Please stay at least six feet apart and remember to social distance.

For more information and to schedule an appointment visit <u>www.hamiltonianartists.org.</u>

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