



CONTEMPORARY ART OF THE CARIBBEAN DIASPORA

Roots Revealed:

Contemporary Art of the Caribbean Diaspora

Conceptualized and curated by Krystal Paraboo

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Conceptualized and curated by Krystal Paraboo, *Roots Revealed* serves as a process of challenging the systemic inadequacies of colonial arts institutions in British Columbia by expanding their geographical and cultural scope of artists trained in a contemporary visual arts practice.

This exhibition showcases the works and techniques of eight artists of the Caribbean diaspora, who work in a range of materials with a synthesized cultural influence. By revealing the artistic and ethnic roots of each artist, we simultaneously unveil the socio-political barriers placed on Caribbean contemporary artists and the unwillingness to restructure or challenge stereotypes. Despite the seeds being planted by colonialism, the roots thrive and grow into independent, tantalizing mechanisms of permanence that challenge the discourse of contemporary art simply through existence.

Artists: Cherry Archer, Ganesh Bahadoorsingh, Lauren Brevnar, Lauren Marsden, Gabrielle Moore, Joslyn Reid, JB Taylor, and Yaimel López Zaldívar

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