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### **MOMENTUM TULSA HIGHLIGHTS OKLAHOMA'S YOUNG ARTISTS**

TULSA – This October, Tulsa's Brady Arts District will come alive with the artworks of Oklahoma's up-and-coming artists. The Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition's **Momentum Tulsa: Art Doesn't Stand Still** will take place on **Saturday, October 9**, from 8pm-Midnight at Living Arts, 307 E. Brady.

With a mission to highlight **Oklahoma artists ages 30 and under**, the exhibition will feature painting, photography, sculpture, film, performance, and large-scale installations. Following the opening event, the exhibition will remain on display through October 23.

As a part of *Momentum Tulsa*, three artists received \$1,500 *Momentum Spotlight* commissions to create new artwork. The *Momentum Spotlight* artists were chosen in May for the program to receive cash commissions and three months of interaction with the guest curators. Selected *Momentum Spotlight* artists are Tara Najd Ahmadi, Oklahoma City; Sherwin R. Tibayan, Norman; and May Yang, Tulsa.

Ahmadi is creating a short stop-motion animation titled *Anti-Consume Tale*. The project focuses on cultural consumption and the process of losing relationships with objects. Tibayan is collecting color slides taken by tourists in the '70s and '80s as part of a project investigating the role that images play in the way we remember our experiences. Yang's project, *American Dreaming*, focuses on her background as a first generation Asian American and the constant clash of cultures it created in her household. These artists will give brief talks about their projects at 9:00 pm during the opening event on October 9.

Guest curators select the art and awards for *Momentum Tulsa* from an open call to artists. This year, curators are Shannon Fitzgerald, an independent curator and formerly Chief Curator at the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, and Sarah Jesse, a writer and educator selected as the Momentum Emerging Curator.

OVAC expects over 800 in attendance at the October 9 opening party. Tickets to the event are \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at [www.MomentumOklahoma.org](http://www.MomentumOklahoma.org), or by phone at 405-879-2400.

*Momentum Tulsa* is sponsored by the George Kaiser Family Foundation. For more information about *Momentum Tulsa*, please visit [www.MomentumOklahoma.org](http://www.MomentumOklahoma.org).

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