

BORTOLAMI

Artist/City

Cecily Brown / Buffalo

In partnership with the University of Buffalo Arts Collaboratory

Bortolami Gallery is pleased to announce *Cecily Brown / Buffalo*, the eighth project of the gallery's *Artist / City* programming initiative, in partnership with the University of Buffalo's Arts Collaboratory program.

In summer 2021, Cecily Brown and the Collaborators – a group of seven Buffalo-based artists & storytellers – Nalia Ansari, Julia Bottoms, Pam Glick, George Hughes, Jodi Lynn Maracle, Jae Skeese, and Sara Zak – will create a permanent mural at the Buffalo Academy of Visual and Performing Arts High School.

Prior to starting work on the mural, Brown will spend time in Buffalo to work with the collaborators at The Space Between, a new arts space run by the Arts Collaboratory on the border of East and West Buffalo. The artists will run a studio out of the space, draw out their ideas, look at source material, and finalize the composition and content for the mural.

The Space Between will host an exhibition of all of the drawings and ephemera made by Brown and the Collaborators during their weeks using the space as a studio. The synergetic exhibition will open while the group of artists are painting the mural and will run for several weeks.

Starting in April, there will be a series of virtual meetings between Cecily Brown, the Collaborators, and a group of students from the Buffalo Academy of Visual and Performing Arts High School, to open a dialogue and decide together what themes to address in the mural, and how to visually convey their message. The goal is for the group of artists and students to answer the question: What is important to the city of Buffalo in this moment, and what will be important for the generations to come?

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