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Curators Christy Davis and Kaleigh Pisani-Paige have a “marvelous” line-up of exhibitions this winter at CMA. Visitors will explore thrilling fantasy worlds, exciting journeys through the Pop Art and Pop Surrealism, and found-object folk art storytelling. There is something in each of the exhibitions to truly delight art lovers (and comic book fans) of all ages.

We are pleased to welcome to Canton the extraordinary comic art of Alex Ross in *Marvelocity*. Spider-Man, Captain America, Iron Man, the Avengers, the X-Men, Black Panther, and many more are all assembled in the galleries and seeming ready to leap, off the walls. For more than 30 years, Ross, a world-renowned artist of superheroes and villains for Marvel Comics and DC Comics, has been bringing their stories and journeys to life, and now they are collected here in this exhibition, alongside early sketches and drawings from Alex as child that inspired and informed his future profession. Also on display, life-sized busts he designed of the Hulk and other superheroes, plus superhero figures Ross drew and sculpted when he was a young boy.

Ross was heavily influenced by American illustration and Pop Art, and so what better way to bring the two together than our accompanying original exhibition, *POP!* Drawing on Pop Art works from the CMA Collection, our curators have assembled a feast for the eyes with works from the likes of Lichtenstein, Warhol, and more, including works on loan from private collections in Northeast Ohio. *POP!* also marks the Museum’s first partnership with Art Bridges, a foundation dedicated to expanding access to American art, who provided loans of artwork from the acclaimed Pop artists Jeff Koons and Richard Prince. Their works will be part of the Museum’s education programming this winter, which you can learn more about on page 16.

Exhibitions by Tom Franco, director and co-creator of the Firehouse Art Collective in San Francisco, and Hannah Pierce, a sculptor and mixed media artist from San Diego round out the fun-filled experience in the galleries. Sculptural and mixed media storytelling by Franco, and The Ice Creams collaborators, along with Pierce represent ideas and art that communicate about society and changing environments.

Fall classes in CMA’s School of Art returned in spectacular fashion in-person, as artists of all ages were anxious to get back inside the classrooms. Be sure to find the perfect inspiration and class for you in our Winter Session, listed on pages 8 - 9, and register online to reserve your spot.

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Be inspired by the world around you through visits to the Museum galleries and learning about famous artwork. Students will learn to build their fundamental artistic skills essential to any artist. *Cost includes all supplies

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1/22 - 2/26/22
10:30am - 11:30am
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CREATIVE CLAY
Come explore the endless creativity of clay in this fun and challenging class. Visit the galleries to see famous ceramic pieces first hand, tour the ceramics lab and learn the process that clay goes through from beginning to end. *Cost includes all supplies

SATURDAYS FOR 6 WEEKS
1/22 - 2/26/22
11:45am - 12:45pm
$85 per student, $68 for Members

KIDS WORKSHOPS - WINTER SESSION:

POP ART
Explore the Pop Art on display in the exhibit, "POP!" and create an assortment of Pop Art using a variety of mixed media materials. See in person and be inspired by artwork created by artists like Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, Jeff Koons and more! *Cost includes all supplies

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1/11/22 from 10:30am -11:30am
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3/03/22, 5:30-7:00pm

AGES 9 to 12
SCULPEY ACTION FIGURES
2/17/22, 5:30-7:30pm
OPTICAL ART ILLUSIONS
2/23/22, 5:30-7:00pm

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COMIC BOOK ILLUSTRATION
Learn the basics of drawing characters and comic illustration! Let our instructor help you find your own unique voice while learning techniques to make your story and characters come to life. See and gather inspiration from the exhibit, “Marvelocity: The Art of Alex Ross.” Students will focus on designing different characters and create a comic by the end of the class session. *Cost includes all supplies

TUESDAYS FOR 6 WEEKS
1/18 - 2/22/22
5:30pm - 7:30pm
$55 per student, $44 for Members
IN-PERSON SESSIONS this WINTER

TEEN & ADULT CLASSES - WINTER SESSION:

GLASS FUSING
Throughout this class, you will learn about the heating cycle of glass, how to use a kiln, plus the techniques to design unique pieces of your own design. You can make jewelry, coasters, and bowls using slumping techniques to name a few projects.

TUESDAYS FOR 6 WEEKS
1/18 - 3/01/22
6:00pm - 8:00pm
$175 per student
$140 for Members

NEW!
APPROACH THE BROOCH jewelry making
Create a unique and custom brooch unlike any other! Explore classic designs while giving them a different twist. Using traditional jewelry and metal-smithing techniques such as hot & cold connections, piercing, stone setting, soldering, riveting, and cutting. Professional jewelry artist, Alex Draven, will walk you through the process of creating a piece of wearable art you will cherish always! *Cost includes all supplies

WEDNESDAYS FOR 6 WEEKS
1/19 - 2/23/22, 6:00pm - 8:00 pm
$132 per student, $106 for Members

FIGURE DRAWING
Enjoy the creative processes of drawing human figures in this exciting class! Students will learn drawing techniques utilizing a live model, photo images, and projected videos of the human figure (some references will include nude models).

SATURDAYS FOR 6 WEEKS
1/22 - 2/26/22
12:00pm - 2:00pm
$128 per student
$103 for Members

SCREEN PRINTING
Have fun exploring this stencil process while utilizing reduction printing, resist techniques, and the use of photo emulsion. Learn the basic techniques to make your own limited edition prints while experienced students will be able to work building skills to create zines, posters, t-shirts and more! *Cost includes most supplies

THURSDAYS FOR 6 WEEKS
1/20 - 2/24/22
6:00pm - 8:00pm
$149 per student
$119 for Members

CERAMICS
Choose from ADVANCED CERAMICS and/or one of four sessions of CLASSIC CERAMICS. All Ceramics classes run for 12 weeks and will begin the first full week of January.

PAINTING
Try our NEW ACRYLIC LANDSCAPE class and hone your technique utilizing photos for reference! This class will run for 6 weeks and will begin on 1/22/22.

PHOTOGRAPHY
Explore DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY and choose from one of two available sessions. All Photography classes run for 6 weeks and will begin on either 1/16/22 or 1/19/22.

TEEN & ADULT WORKSHOPS - WINTER SESSION:

FUSED GLASS nightlights
Create a beautiful glass nightlight you will cherish always! Get creative as you want and design a unique piece only limited by your imagination. *Cost includes all supplies- $15 worth of materials included in class cost

ONE-DAY WORKSHOP
1/1/22, 6:00-8:00pm
$38 per student
$31 for Members

NEW!
NEON SIGNS
Inspired by the neon lights in the exhibit, “Unsound: Hannah Pierce Ceramics.” Students will learn wire bending techniques and utilize the exciting medium of EL Wire that lights up and glows! *Cost includes all supplies- $15 worth of materials included in class cost

ONE-DAY WORKSHOP
1/19/22, 6:00-8:00pm
$32 per student
$26 for Members

POP ART portraits
Inspired by the artwork created by Andy Warhol in the exhibit, “POPI!” Create a unique four panel, 12" x 16", Pop Art inspired artwork using your own photo! *Cost includes all supplies

ONE-DAY WORKSHOP
2/22/22 6pm-8pm
$34 students
$27 for Members

FLOWER WALL pockets
Adorn your walls with a clay flower wall pocket vase created by your own hands!

ONE-DAY WORKSHOP
2/16/22, 6pm-7:30pm
$38 per student
$31 for Members

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Conceived one of the greatest artists in the field of comic books, Alex Ross has created some of the most iconic images known to fans today. For nearly 30 years, he has revitalized classic superheroes into works of fine art by illustrating characters including Spider-Man, Captain America, Iron Man, Storm from the X-Men, the Avengers, Black Panther and many more.

In addition to highlighting original art from his most recent book, *Marvelocity*, visitors will also learn about how Alex Ross developed into a great illustrator through his childhood drawings, preliminary sketches, paintings and 3-dimensional head busts of characters in the Marvel Universe. Hear first-hand from Alex Ross about the making of *Marvelocity* in an exclusive video interview.
Born in Portland, Oregon, and raised in Lubbock, Texas, Alex made his artistic debut at three when, according to his mother, he grabbed a piece of paper and drew the contents of a television commercial he’d seen moments before. By age 13 he was scripting and drawing original comic books. Ten years later? He was hired by Marvel Comics to illustrate Marvel’s central characters in the comic book event, Marvels (1994).

Having established himself creatively and financially with superhero projects, Ross turned to the real world with Uncle Sam, a 96-page story that took a hard look at the dark side of American history. Like Marvels, the individual issues of Uncle Sam were collected into a single volume – first in hardcover, then in paperback – and remain in print today. Ross would eventually go on to win the Comic Buyer’s Guide Award for Favorite Painter. He won so many times that the award was officially retired.

Alex’s work has celebrated the 60th anniversaries of Superman, Batman, Captain Marvel and Wonder Woman with fully painted, tabloid-sized books, depicting each of these characters using their powers to inspire humanity as well as help them.

In recent years, Ross has applied his artistic skills to outside projects with comic book roots, including a limited-edition promotional poster for the Academy Awards. In 2015, Alex was chosen by Apple Corps LTD to be commissioned as the first artist in over 30 years to paint the Fab Four. Driven by the Beatles legendary music and inspired by the generation’s new trends in art, “Yellow Submarine” is a classic of animated cinema. Alex has often been referred to as ‘the Norman Rockwell of comics’ yet his “Yellow Submarine” piece reveals the similarly powerful influence of master surrealist Salvador Dali, whom Alex has also recognized as a guiding influence on his style.

Forty years ago, Spider-Man learned that with great power comes great responsibility. Looking at Alex Ross, it’s obvious the lesson took.

Looking back, it makes perfect sense that Alex Ross would become one of the world’s most preeminent and well-respected comic book artists. It’s a job he’s been preparing for nearly all his life.

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Tom Franco is the director and co-creator of the Firehouse Art Collective- a community based project that provides space for artists to co-create a culture of interdisciplinary collaboration. The Firehouse Art Collective has locations operating across the San Francisco East Bay Area, Berkeley, Oakland, Los Angeles, California and Reno, Nevada.

From the Artist:
My artwork is made up of 80% found materials. That includes the surfaces that I paint on, the paint itself, the large items and the small ones. The things I actually spend money on are more for structural integrity like glue, screws, tape, brushes... all the tools that go into sticking the found objects together. I've now also started to spend money on other people's art, usually anonymous sculptures, that I incorporate into my own work.

I consider myself a folk artist, representing images of the Bay Area California where I live, our shared global culture, as well as scenes of my inner life in the subtler realms of reality. I consider myself an outsider artist, but I like to say insider artist... meaning that I believe in inventing techniques of manifesting ideas as art. Mostly this type of art is self-taught and often very unique to the individual.

And the third element in my style of work is that of collaboration. I love to work with other artists on the same piece. By doing this my process always stays on the cutting edge of fun, unpredictable, exploitative, and fast. It keeps me open to the stories, images and energies that I could never create on my own.

My narrative work comes into play after developing my characters through sculptures and paintings and then bringing them further to life through story, drawings and song.

THE “ICE CREAMS” ARTISTS:
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annah Pierce is a ceramic sculptor and mixed media artist residing in North County San Diego, CA. She received her MFA in Ceramics from Edinboro University of PA and her BA in Studio Art at Humboldt State University of CA. Before graduate school, Hannah worked as an educator for people with developmental disabilities at Canvas + Clay Studio located in Eureka, California. Influenced by this experience, she has taught many ceramic classes and workshops at art centers and colleges across the country with a focus on accessibility and inclusion. Hannah has exhibited her work in numerous internationally recognized exhibitions and art fairs, such as Aqua Arts Miami and Superfine! Arts Fair DC. She was a resident artist at Watershed Center for Ceramic arts as a Kiln God Award Recipient (2017) and a resident artist at Baltimore Clayworks as the Abilities Fellowship Artist (2018-2019). Works from her solo show at Baltimore Clayworks were published in the summer issue of Ceramics Monthly and also promoted by Bmore Art Magazine.

From the Artist:
My work consists of surreal, narrative-driven sculptures that primarily portray bizarre characters and imagery from urban environments. Within my playful, architectural configurations, I utilize deceptive, illustrative qualities and exaggerative forms to distort the viewer’s perspective and enhance the theatrical nature of these narrative works.

These uncanny structures are usually accompanied by references to smog, unknown fluids and other depictions of urban detritus. I tend to use visual metaphors that recognize our dependency upon man-made environments and our desperate attempts to conform to living in intense, industrialized areas. Within all my sculptures, the figures are visually separate from their surroundings in their illustrative, 2-dimensional format. This separation personifies an underlying tension and a sense of estrangement that everyone in our contemporary society can relate to. My unique approach to 3-dimensional storytelling reveals subtle undertones of historical influences, such as German expressionism, Indonesian shadow puppets and early 1900’s animations utilizing paper cutouts.

In being most heavily influenced by Pop Surrealism, I sarcastically pair dismal scenes with pleasurable pops of color, playful perspectives, figure distortion and an abundance of childlike references. Within these works, I can bring a sense of humor and absurdity to some of the darker, more challenging aspects of being human in our unstable, perpetually changing environments.
The phenomenon that was Pop art emerged in London in the 1950s, and in the United States shortly after. Pop art challenged traditions of fine art by drawing inspiration from popular and mass culture. It developed because artists didn’t think that traditional art reflected their everyday lives. Things like common household objects and consumer products not portrayed in traditional art found their way into Pop art. By using everyday, recognizable imagery in their work, the artists of Pop made their work relatable to everyone. In Pop art you’ll typically find this recognizable imagery, along with bright colors, humor and irony, and innovative techniques like printmaking and mixed media.

Pop artists Roy Lichtenstein and Jeff Koons used everyday objects as the catalyst for their works. Lichtenstein’s *Sandwich and Soda* (Figure 1) is a familiar sight — the glass containing a carbonated pop, a plate holding a sliced sandwich, and disposable beverage straws emerging from their wrappers. It evokes a modern day version of a traditional still life, replacing fruit and wine with commonplace, mass-produced items. In Koons’ *One Ball Total Equilibrium Tank (Spalding Dr. J Silver Series)* (Figure 2), a basketball is suspended in salt water, using an everyday object as social commentary on underprivileged youths in America.

Robert Rauschenberg’s *Passport* (Figure 3) aimed to connect with audiences by using commonplace imagery — things like a Sunkist orange advertisement and a portable fan — uniquely printed on plexiglass, another common item. Andy Warhol took the imagery for his *Flowers*...
Pop art is for everyone.

- Andy Warhol


(Figure 4) from a photograph of hibiscus blossoms that he came across in the 1964 issue of Modern Photography, and found himself in his first lawsuit over the usage. Corita Kent made a set of serigraphs featuring letters of the alphabet and familiar imagery such as a hot air balloon (Figure 5) to grab your attention and draw your eye in to read her handwritten text. Another Lichtenstein — The Melody Haunts My Reverie (Figure 6) — is one of his first forays into the comic book style that he would become famous for. Through these uses of comic 

(Figure 5) why worry from circus alphabet, 1968. Corita Kent (Sister Mary Corita) (American, 1918 - 1986) Screenprint, 23 x 23 in. Collection of Rachel Davis Fine Arts © 2021 Corita Art Center, Immaculate Heart Community, LA


books, magazines, advertisements, and other common objects, the artists of Pop were challenging what art could be, and elevating the everyday to the level of fine art. In this way, the artists of Pop left a significant mark on the world of art.

**POP!** not only highlights this important movement, but it also converges pieces from our Permanent Collection with those of private lenders in Ohio and from Art Bridges. **POP!** is on view from November 23, 2021 to April 3, 2022.

Art Bridges is a private operating foundation whose mission is to increase access to American art across the U.S. Established by arts patron and philanthropist Alice Walton, Art Bridges supports museums of all sizes to provide collection loans, traveling exhibitions, multidisciplinary programming, and more in order to further connect museums and their local communities.

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**The ArtChemist Project** is a month-long, multifaceted community art project (based off of “One Ball Total Equilibrium Tank” by Jeff Koons, on loan from Art Bridges for our “POP!” exhibit), designed to explore what happens when chemistry and art collide.

The ArtChemist Project will include free chemistry art kits, a community art installation at CMA, a free Family Day, a virtual unveiling celebration of the final installation, and more!

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Known for organizing the annual Christkindl Markt, (second weekend of November), Fine Arts enjoys monthly luncheon presentations and sponsors exhibits and other Museum activities. Visit cantonart.org for more details about programs. Contact Marcie Shaw at 330.453.7666 ext.105.

CANTON FIBER ARTS GUILD
The Canton Fiber Arts Guild meets at the CMA on the second Wednesday of every month (Sept. - May), from 6pm - 8pm. Yearly dues are only $20. Visit their Facebook page for more information.

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