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Kirkland Arts Center Debuts New Exhibition: *Interdependence*



Lockdown by Carrie Howard (full res image [here](#))



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KIRKLAND, Washington - *Interdependence*, a juried exhibition exploring the ways we rely on one another and our surroundings, is now open at Kirkland Arts Center Thursdays and Fridays from 12 pm - 6 pm, and Saturdays from 12 pm - 4 pm. [This exhibition](#) features work by twenty artists and is free to the public. *Interdependence* was juried by acclaimed sculptor, George Rodriguez, whose work can be found throughout the country in such venues as the permanent collection of the National Mexican Museum of Art in Chicago and the Hallie Ford Museum in Salem, Oregon.

“As we have spent more and more time in isolation, we learn in depth about the people, structures, institutions and environments that are vital for our continued growth.” Rodriguez explains how the impacts of the pandemic inspired him in the creation of this exhibition. “There are new connections forged and different norms of navigating social interactions. We adjust to a changing world even when the change seems to happen rapidly. I wanted to give artists an opportunity to express this sudden shift.”

Themes of culture and identity recur throughout George’s work--highly ornamented ceramic sculpture--celebrating the unique attributes of diverse cultures as well as the similarities that unite us all. “It’s been a wonderful opportunity to work with George on this exhibition. We love the work that he’s producing right now as an artist, and are immensely grateful for the time he’s put into crafting such a thoughtful and timely exhibition,” expressed J Gordon, Kirkland Arts Center’s Gallery Curator and Exhibition Designer.

Kirkland Arts Center, a non-profit organization, offers engaging, innovative, and inspiring exhibition and educational programming to the Greater Seattle and Eastside community. The organization has remained open throughout the pandemic to serve the community through online, remote classes, virtual arts experiences, and limited in-person opportunities. KAC has maintained remarkable institutional support from grantors such as 4Culture, ArtsWA, ArtsFund, King County, City of Kirkland, and City of Bellevue.

“The work in this exhibition points to different aspects of interdependence. From figures gathering in a large crowd, an intimate procession, or two people unable to touch because of a thin barrier, it is apparent that connections are present.” George expands, “As stones support each other and scraps of fabric create a tight weave, we are all stronger together. We rely on each other and our surroundings.”

About Kirkland Arts Center: [Kirkland Arts Center](#) is a non-profit organization offering arts experiences to the whole community through hands-on art-making and public exhibitions of contemporary art. Learn more, sign up for a class, or become a supporter at [KirklandArtsCenter.org](#). View *Interdependence* at the gallery Thursdays and Fridays from 12 pm - 6 pm, and Saturdays 12 pm - 4 pm until July 31st.