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Portrait of Dr. Jay Myers by Eric Tarr



Portrait of Sudha Alvakonda by Eric Anderson

Lifeline: Portraits of Rochester Essential Workers

Opening July 1, 2020

Lifeline: Portraits of Rochester Essential Workers honors local heroes. Rochester Art Center brought eighteen local artists together to create portraits that will be exhibited when the art center reopens on July 1st.

During this public health crisis, when most of us have retreated into the safety of our homes, brave essential workers risk exposure to COVID-19 and support our community during this time of need. As a way to show our whole community's appreciation, RAC sent out a call for nominations for worthy subjects for the artists to portray. We received many great nominations and ultimately eighteen were selected and paired with artists who generously gave their time and creativity, while also donating the artwork to the essential worker they portrayed! The artistic community of Rochester and the Rochester Art Center are proud to support this worthy tribute to those who have helped us through the crisis.

We celebrate the moment we are able to experience art in person again and throw open our doors to welcome you in the safest way possible.

ARTISTS INCLUDE:

Alessandra Sulpy
Amarama
Anna Canfield
Bobby Marines
Brea Gilchrist
Carley McHenry
Chris Rackley
Heather Acerro
Eric Anderson
Eric Tarr
Jennifer Jesseph
Maggie Pemberton
Monika Gloviczki
Patricia Dunn-Walker
Simon Huelsbeck
Susan Waughtal
Zoe Cinel

HEROES INCLUDE:

Zoey Jantsan
Cindi Bannon
Dr. Matthew Hernandez
Tara Churchill
Mary Ellen & Mark Warner
Susan Shapiro
Teresa Lacey
Heather Adamson, Kimberly Dahl, Ingrid Alvarez
Sudha Alvakonda
Dr. Jay Myers
Connie Luedtke
Chad Thacker
Mary Benike
Shala Bain
Dr. Priya Sampathkumar
Aikong See
Tom Graham

ABOUT THE ROCHESTER ART CENTER

The Rochester Art Center is a non-collecting museum of contemporary art located along the Zumbro River in the heart of historic downtown Rochester, MN. Founded in 1946, RAC hosts an ongoing schedule of exhibitions of work by local, regional, national, and international artists; dynamic educational programs for all ages; and an array of community partnerships and visitor engagement initiatives. Through these world-class exhibitions and programs, RAC presents a welcoming, integrated, and diverse experience that encourages questioning, creativity, and critical thinking.

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