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Creative Arts Workshop presents *Sanctuary Cities and the Politics of the American Dream*, opening October 3, 2019

Exhibition: *Sanctuary Cities and the Politics of the American Dream*

Venue: Creative Arts Workshop

Location: Hilles Gallery, 80 Audubon Street, New Haven, CT 06510

Dates: October 3 - November 9, 2019

Reception: Thursday, October 3, 6-8 pm

(NEW HAVEN, CT, October 3, 2019) – Creative Arts Workshop is proud to present a group exhibition, titled *Sanctuary Cities and the Politics of the American Dream*, curated by artist-activist and CAW faculty member Luciana McClure. Creative Arts Workshop held a nationwide open call for art and scholarship on issues of place, cultural identity and dislocation. The show features over 125 individuals from across the country, working in mediums ranging from collaborative poetry to multi-story portraiture to augmented reality (AR) installation. Related programming throughout October and November will include cooking demonstrations, community conversations, and other public events.

“Creative Arts Workshop is pleased to present this exhibition of powerful works by artists from across the country who explore with us and for us the issues of immigration--both historically and present day. We are thrilled to be able to provide this platform for engagement and discourse at the intersection of creative expression and this important, and divisive, human rights issue.”

This exhibition is generously supported by the International Association of New Haven, the City of New Haven, Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, Black Hog Brewing, Suzio-York Hill, Planned Parenthood of Southern New England, and WSHU Public Radio (Media Sponsor).

“I hope that visitors will approach this exhibition with an open heart, a sense of curiosity and courage to build a better community as we attempt to topple the physical and emotional borders that divide us,” said Brazilian-born exhibition curator Luciana McClure.

Sanctuary Cities runs from October 3rd through November 9th, with a reception on Thursday, October 3rd, from 6-8 pm. The Hilles Gallery at Creative Arts Workshop is free and open to the public; hours are Monday-Friday, 9-7 pm, and Saturday 9-4:30 pm. For details, visit creativeartsworkshop.org, or contact Robin Green, Gallery and Programs Manager, at (203) 562-4927.

ABOUT CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP

Creative Arts Workshop is a nonprofit regional center for creativity and visual arts that has served the Greater New Haven area since 1961. As an anchor institution located in the heart of the award-winning Audubon Arts District in downtown New Haven, CAW offers a wide range of visual arts classes and workshops in its own three-story building with fully-equipped studios in eight disciplines, and an active exhibition and public programming schedule. More than 1,700 adults and young people enroll annually in the more than 400 courses offered by Creative Arts Workshop, while thousands of visitors enjoy the free exhibitions in its destination galleries throughout the year. CAW's classes are open to students of all ages and levels of experience.

CAW is supported by its membership, tuition fees, sponsorship, contributions from individuals, charitable foundations, public funding, and from special events and sales.

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