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**Creative Arts Workshop Selects Luciana McClure as Curator for Fall 2019 Exhibition on Immigrant Artists in the United States and Sanctuary**

(New Haven, CT – June 18, 2019) – Creative Arts Workshop is pleased to announce that it has selected Luciana McClure to curate its fall exhibition, titled “Sanctuary Cities and the Politics of the American Dream.” Funded by the City of New Haven and International Association of New Haven, the exhibition will explore themes of cultural identity and belonging, as well as issues of place, dislocation, human rights and morality.

The exhibition will take place from October 3–November 9, 2019 on both floors of the Hilles Gallery at Creative Arts Workshop (CAW), with associated public programming running throughout the month. An open call for contributing artists for the exhibition will be released in the coming week. “We are thrilled to have Lucy on board as the curator for this show. She brings an important perspective with her lived experience as an immigrant artist to this work and to CAW. We’re excited to engage in this important work with her,” said CAW Executive Director, Anne Coates.

**About Luciana McClure:**

Luciana McClure is a photographer, curator, educator, an advocate and a motivator of social change through artistic expression and activism. She is the founding organizer of the Nasty Women Movement in Connecticut and leads Nasty Women Connecticut. She unites communities, amplifies the voices of minorities and raises resources for countless organizations throughout Connecticut while utilizing the arts. Luciana is an immigrant from Brazil; she currently resides in Connecticut where she is a photography faculty member at CAW, a museum educator and teaching artist at the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, and an exhibiting fine art photographer. Most recently Luciana has been awarded the 2019 CT Arts Hero award through the CT Office of the Arts for extraordinary work in the arts, for the arts, and through the arts.

**About Creative Arts Workshop:**

Creative Arts Workshop is a nonprofit regional center for the 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, CAW offers a wide range of visual arts classes and engagement in creativity in its own three-story building with fully-equipped studios in eight disciplines, and an active exhibition and public programming schedule. More than 1,800 adults and young people enroll annually in the more than 400 courses and workshops offered by CAW, while over 1000 visitors enjoy the free exhibitions in its destination galleries throughout the year. CAW’s workshops and classes are open to students of all ages and levels of experience. For more information, visit [www.creativeartsworkshop.org](http://www.creativeartsworkshop.org).

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