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Lawndale Artist Studio Program 2016-2017 Resident Artists Announced

Houston, Texas – Lawndale Art Center is pleased to announce the residents for the **eleventh round** of the Lawndale Artist Studio Program. Artists selected for the program are **Melinda Laszczynski, Randi Long** and **Sarah Welch**.

The program will provide these artists with non-residential studio space for nine months (September 2016 – May 2017) on the third floor of Lawndale Art Center in the heart of the Museum District. The artists will have full access to their studios 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Each artist will receive a \$500 monthly stipend for the duration of the program and a \$1500 unrestricted materials allowance. At the completion of the residency, works produced during the program will be **exhibited at Lawndale Art Center in May 2017**.

The 2016-2017 residents were selected by a panel of three arts professionals; **Natasha Bowdoin**, Artist & Lawndale Programming Committee member; **Evan Garza**, Assistant Curator, Modern and Contemporary Art, Blanton Museum of Art; and **Lynne McCabe**, Artist & former Artist Studio Program participant.

30 artists have participated in the Lawndale Artist Studio Program since its inception in 2007. Through the program, Lawndale has provided over \$170,000 in direct financial support to local artists for the creation of new work.

The Lawndale Artist Studio program is generously supported by the John P. McGovern Foundation.

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About the Artists:

Melinda Laszczynski received her MFA in Painting and Drawing from the University of Houston in 2015 and her BFA in Painting from the Cleveland Institute of Art in 2010. She recently had solo shows at Cardoza Fine Art and galleryHOMELAND in Houston, TX. She has participated in group shows at multiple venues across Texas, including Galleri Urbane (Dallas), Lawndale Art Center (Houston), and was recently included in the 2015 Amarillo Museum of Art sculpture biennial. She has also shown at Forum Artspace in Cleveland, OH and SOHO20 in NY, NY. Her work is included in the collections of University Hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio, and UT Tyler in Tyler, Texas. Laszczynski was featured in *New American Paintings MFA Annual #111* (2014) and *#123* (2016).

www.melindalaszczynski.com

Randi Long received her BFA in Sculpture from the University of Houston in 2014. She was an artist in residence at Project Row Houses and Alabama Song in 2015. Long collaborated with Gabriel Martinez and James Racliffe for the project *Noise Truck*, which received an Idea Fund Award in 2016 and 1st Place, Grand Trophy for Best Music, at the Orange Show's 2016 Art Car Parade. Long has performed in projects with Nameless Sounds at AvantGarten, DiverseWorks and MECA.

Sarah Welch is an artist, illustrator and comix-maker. After receiving her BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and moving to Houston in 2012, she began the ongoing comic book series, *Endless Monsoon*. Welch is a recently initiated co-organizer with Zine Fest Houston and regularly published prints, zines and comics in collaboration with local print shop, Mystic Multiples. She is a past Idea Fund recipient and former resident with UT Dallas CentralTrak. The latest chapter of the *Endless Monsoon* saga will be released as part of an exhibition at Rice University's Emergency Room Gallery in fall 2016.

www.sarahwelch.info



Melinda Laszczynski

Moon Twins, 2016

Spray paint, acrylic and paper
clay on panel
8" x 10"



Randi Long

*Pepe Mar: Parco dei Mostri
Performance #1*, 2014

Turntables and children's
instruments



Sarah Welch

Endless Monsoon: Cry

Me A River Pt. I, 2014

Risograph Printed Comic
5" X 7"

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About Lawndale:	Lawndale Art Center develops local contemporary artists and the audience for their art. Lawndale is dedicated to the presentation of contemporary art with an emphasis on work by Houston artists. Lawndale presents exhibitions, lectures and events, and offers an annual residency program to further the creative exchange of ideas among Houston's diverse artistic, cultural and student communities.
For More Info:	www.lawndaleartcenter.org or askus@lawndaleartcenter.org
Gallery Hours:	Monday-Friday, 10-5; Saturday, 12-5; Closed Sunday
Admission:	Admission is free and open to the public
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