



UnMask Project 2023

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The Museum of Art Fort Collins opens the 19th annual Eye Center of Northern Colorado Masks Fundraiser & Exhibition with a special exhibition of seven CSU Photojournalism students work on display, March 3-May 5, 2023.

Fort Collins, CO – Come see how Colorado State University photojournalism students “UnMask the Mask” at the 19th Annual Eye Center of Northern Colorado Masks Fundraiser & Exhibition at the Museum of Art Fort Collins.

From Jill P. Mott’s Photojournalism course, photographers Casey Abashian, Reiley Costa, Jenn Dawson, Payton Donahue, Kyra Klay, Samantha Nordstrom, and Grace Weintrob were each challenged to follow one artist throughout the entire mask-making process, documenting both the physical and emotional components that went into making a completely unique, artistic mask for this beloved community project.

“In creating art, Acott inspires many, including myself, to venture within and express ourselves in community with those new, old, and acquainted,” says Payton Donahue of her experience while working with her artist throughout the project.

The Masks Fundraiser and Exhibition is an annual fundraiser for Museum of Art | Fort Collins where artists in the Northern Colorado community are tasked with decorating a blank ceramic mask in their own style. The masks are then auctioned off at an exhibition, and the funds are used for the Museum’s further endeavors in the community. The UnMasked Project Photo Essays are made up of seven student magazine layouts. Each student's work is printed on 18x12 photo paper and displayed at the Exhibition for the viewer to enjoy comfortably. Each magazine layout hangs with the subject of their documentary. It is an inspiring intersection of journalism and art. You can see digital versions of each student magazine online at <https://simplebooklet.com/unmaskproject2023>.

This collaboration serves as an example of Colorado State University’s commitment to foster the transition from student to professional through community-based goals. Students were able to connect with their community not as

a student, but as a working photographer ready to highlight a creative profile effectively and with care. This engagement with the community is a powerful example of the university's ability to create future professionals.

The CSU Journalism & Media Communications department is committed to nurturing professional growth, and Jill P. Mott's noteworthy photojournalism students are but one example of a long list of dedicated aspiring professionals that have been fostered under the care and guidance of the university.

To further support these students in their professional endeavors, join us at the Museum of Art | Fort Collins March 3rd at 6 p.m. for the opening night of the Exhibition to view their work. For more information about the Masks 2023 Exhibition, please visit the [Special Edition Magazine](#)

About Museum of Art | Fort Collins

The museum is open from 10 am to 5 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays; from 10 am to 7 pm on Fridays, and from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturdays; and from noon to 5 pm on Sundays. It is closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Admission is \$10 for adults; and seniors (over 67), students with ID, and all under 18 free. MoA members are always free. CSU/Front Range (FRCC) students FREE with ID. Military/Veteran current and retired (and families) are FREE with ID. For more information, call: 970-482-2787 or visit www.moafc.org. MoA is located at 201 S. Collins Ave, Fort Collins, CO.

The mission of the Museum of Art | Fort Collins is to boldly explore contemporary society through art--enlightening, educating, and providing regional arts leadership--and connecting art, artists and community. To offer our audiences the highest-quality art experiences, the museum presents a diverse series of exhibitions, community events, publications, and educational programs for children and adults.

Museum of Art Fort Collins logo: MoA MUSEUM of ART FORT COLLINS

Eye Center of Northern Colorado MASKS FUNDRAISER & EXHIBITION

Exhibition thumbnails: BECOMING PETA, THE FALL OF MY FIE, THE ART OF KINTSUGI, BEHIND THE MASK, LORRI AGOTT

little hands

Unmasked Photo Essay Exhibition

MARCH 3 - MAY 5, 2023

The Museum of Art Fort Collins is proud to announce a special exhibition within the 19th Annual Mask Fundraiser and Exhibition featuring seven CSU photojournalism students.

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