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## **\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\***

**Locust Projects Presents Locust Art Builders (LAB) 2021 Summer Art Intensive for teens**

**Program dates: July 6-July 29**

**Public exhibition: July 29-August 7**



[Miami: July 2021] Locust Projects, Miami's longest running alternative art space, is committed to nurturing the next generation of creatives with Locust Art Builders Summer Art Intensive for teens. Now in its 11th year, LAB is a unique experience for high school students with an interest in art, design, and exploring creative careers.

On Tuesday, July 6, 35 selected students from 18 high schools across Miami-Dade County met for the first time on Zoom to begin this dynamic, fast-paced virtual program. Students will meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2-4pm until July 29, under the leadership of LAB Director and Lead Mentor, Monica Lopez de Victoria, and 2021 LAB intern and 2020 LAB alum, Ava Luna Santiesteban.

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Before the program started, students received a **BUILDER BOX** filled with art supplies from our official art supplies sponsor of LAB 2021, **ARTEZA**, a shirt designed by Miami-based artist **Kelly Breez**, a pair of **VANS** shoes which the kids will get to customize with their own art, a copy of FeCuOp's zine produced by Exile Books, and a copy of our award-winning 20th Retrospective publication designed by Tra Publishing. **LAB is FREE** and all students receive a \$500 honorarium for participating.

Throughout the program, students will get to participate in **workshops with professional artists – including Octavia Yearwood, Kelly Breez, Jen Stark, Dale Zine, Marie Vickles, Paperwater and others –** to learn about creative careers and complete fast-paced **art challenges** to explore their creativity, develop ideas, practice new skills, and dive right into the creative and practical aspects of completing a major, collaborative art project. In addition, students will have an optional field trip to visit the Museum of Graffiti in Wynwood and Locust Projects and the Institute of Contemporary Art in the Miami Design District.

For this year's LAB final project, students will work together to design a zine, collaborating on the theme, visuals, and text. It will be printed as well as available online. Students will also get to activate Locust Projects' Screening Room with an exhibition of new artworks inspired by their zine, which will be **on view at Locust Projects from July 29 to August 7.**

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## ABOUT LOCUST PROJECTS

Founded by artists for artists, Locust Projects is Miami's longest running nonprofit alternative art space commissioning more than 170 commissioned projects by over 400 local, national, and international artists since 1998. We produce, present, and nurture ambitious and experimental new art and the exchange of ideas through commissioned exhibitions and projects, artist residencies, summer art intensives for teens, and public programs on contemporary art and curatorial practice. As a leading incubator of new art and ideas, Locust Projects emphasizes boundary-pushing creative endeavors, risk-taking and experimentation by local, national and international artists. We invest in South Florida's arts community by providing artists with project grants and empower creative careers by supporting the administrative work of being an artist through an onsite artist resource hub and access to pro bono legal services.

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