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| athicalogo | 675 Pulaski Street  Suite 1200 Athens, GA 30601 USA 706-850-7770  www.athica.org  GALLERY HOURS DURING  Effervescence: Emerges XII Wed-Fri: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Sat: 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm  Sun: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  Third Thursdays:  June 20 and July 18  4:00 PM – 9:00 PM |

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For additional information about the ATHICA exhibition and events: Lauren Fancher, Operations Coordinator and Board President, ATHICA (lhfancher@gmail.com, 706-338-2751)

**Effervescence: Emerges XII**

**June 15-July 21, 2019**

**Featuring works by Hannah Ehrlich, Erin McIntosh, Drema Montgomery,**

**Christine Roman, and Ally White**

**Curated by Kayla King**

**Exhibition and Events at ATHICA**

* **Opening Reception: Saturday, June 15, 2019, 6:00-9:00 PM**
* **Sunset Experimental Music: Thursday, June 20, 2019, 6:30 PM.** Featuring the performers Annie Leeth, Peter Webb, and Alec Livaditis. See ATHICA website for details.
* **Closing Event, Curator and Artist Talk with Kayla King: Sunday, July 21, 2019, 4:00 PM**

Athens Institute for Contemporary Art (ATHICA) is pleased to announce the exhibition and event series *Effervescence: Emerges XII* during the weeks of June 15 through July 21, 2019. Emerging curator and longtime ATHICA volunteer and intern Kayla King has brought together a group of artists united by their enthusiasm and joy for their unique individual practices. Her selection of these artists represents her perspective that “In *Effervescence*, I wanted to create a vibrant and energetic space with artwork that creates an emotive response through the abstraction of forms and manipulation of materials. These imaginative and process-driven works are a response to modern life and our environment demonstrated through the layering of various colors, textures, and patterns.”

The participating artists, Hannah Ehrlich, Erin McIntosh, Drema Montgomery, Christine Roman, and Ally White, represent a range of mediums and styles, including painting, sculpture, and fiber arts. The ATHICA Emerges series is intended to provide emerging curators with a significant opportunity to develop their curatorial practices. In addition, artists who are in the early stages of their careers are a primary focus.

All events are free and open to all.

*Effervescence: Emerges XII* is sponsored in part by The James E. and Betty J. Huffer Foundation.

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**About the Curator Kayla King**

Kayla King is an undergraduate at UGA, studying art history and studio art. After graduating in the fall, she plans to pursue curatorial studies in graduate school, focusing on Contemporary art. She has been active with ATHICA for over three years, as a volunteer, intern, and assistant curator.

**About the Artists**

**Hannah Ehrlich** received her BFA in Textile and Fiber Arts from Lamar Dodd School of Art at the University of Georgia in 2017. While in school she was the President of her department and was awarded the Surface Design Association Outstanding Student Award. She has shown at Mason Fine Art (Atlanta, GA), Swan Coach House Gallery (Atlanta, GA), Lyndon House Arts Center (Athens, GA), MK + AB Gallery (Portland, OR), Abernathy Arts Center (Atlanta, GA), Callanwolde Arts Center (Atlanta, GA), The Classic Center (Athens, GA), and Sulfur Studios (Savannah, GA). She is the 2019 Exhibiting Artist at Westobou Gallery in Augusta, GA. More information: [www.hannahehrlich.com](http://hannahehrlich.com/)

**Erin McIntosh** is an artist and educator living in Athens, Georgia. Erin attended The University of Georgia (B.F.A., M.F.A.), has exhibited nationally, and her work has been published in New American Paintings. She has had residencies at Vermont Studio Center and the Atlantic Center for the Arts. Erin has taught for The University of Georgia’s Cortona, Italy Study Abroad Program. She is currently Assistant Professor of Studio Art at the University of North Georgia. Her paintings are represented by Gregg Irby Gallery in Atlanta, GA and Weinberger Fine Art in Kansas City, MO. More information: [www.erinmcintosh.com](http://erinmcintosh.com/)

**Drema Montgomery** was born in northeast Alabama into a community and life that inspires her work and her approach to the development of identity. She received a BFA in ceramics and drawing from the University of Montevallo in 2011, and a MFA from the University of Georgia in 2016. More information: [www.dremamontgomery.com](http://www.dremamontgomery.com/)

**Christine Bush Roman** is a mixed media painter living and working on Johns Island in South Carolina. She received her MFA from the University of Georgia in 2013. She is a practicing artist, a homeschool parent, and teaches art to small groups of students from kindergarten through high school. Roman’s large and small-scale works draw connections between modern life and her experiences with mental illness, autism, and the growing disconnect between one another and the environment. More information: [www.ChristineBushRoman.com](http://www.ChristineBushRoman.com)

**Ally White** grew up in Dallas, GA and received her BFA in painting from the University of Georgia in 2013. Her work has been exhibited across the country in venues such as the Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia, Hashimoto Contemporary, Zero Zero LA, ATHICA, Mint Gallery, Art Market SF, Art on Paper NYC, Hathaway Gallery and INTO ACTION. White has held solo exhibitions in San Juan, PR at Trailer Park Projects and in Atlanta, GA at Eyedrum Gallery. She was featured on the cover of New American Paintings #106, and was selected as a “Jury Pick” for 100 Painters of Tomorrow, a publication produced by Beers Contemporary in London. She is represented by Hathaway Gallery and currently lives and works in Atlanta, GA. More information: [www.allywhite.com](http://www.allywhite.com/)

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|  | **Hannah Ehrlich**  *It’s Not What You Think,* 2017, mixed media on panel, dimensions unknown  (example purposes; may not be among work in exhibition)  DOWNLOAD HIGH RES:  <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mOVP8TlWR7DMhTxj1zRBbDRE01SOlzf5/view?usp=sharing> |
|  | **Erin McIntosh**  *Color Chord*, 2017, acrylic on canvas, dimensions unknown  DOWNLOAD HIGH RES:  <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B5VO5HVCJiwGM0MzaUlKb3ktRFVhVUdRb0dOS2RIdTlRRlBV> |
|  | **Drema Montgomery**  *All Out in the Wash*, 2018, mixed media, NFS  DOWNLOAD HIGH RES:  <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1z80Jw5dasIZIW4e6vcqY32udRiHEy9Ei> |
|  | **Christine Bush Roman**  *Blue and Pink,* 2019, mixed media on panel, 8x8 inches  $450  DOWNLOAD HIGH RES:  <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aLLDWJybCY30Bpu45a0qjuJ6EMwrgPM2/view?usp=sharing> |
|  | **Ally White**  *Blue Squiggle Bouquet,* 2017, acrylic and spray paint on paper, 16 x 12 inches, $1200  DOWNLOAD HIGH RES: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1JCB10gV0B2QytIgNYhJtYDlqL87zTG6D> |