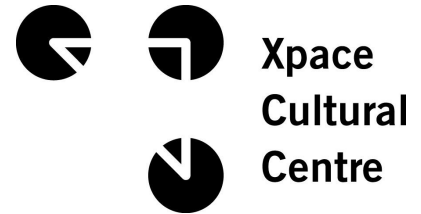


ON YOUR MARK



As the summer begins to slip away, and we reach for our sweaters, and the sun falls from our skies earlier and earlier, Xspace Cultural Centre is thrilled to present *On your mark*. This round of exhibitions signifies the culmination of our annual OCAD University Graduate Residency as well as our programming year launch. Each year, three recent OCAD University graduates are selected for this opportunity which allows them access to the gallery for the month of August to use as their studios, as well as access to professional mentors and a production budget.

Although this year's theme of *On your mark* has been explored through varied mediums and conceptual underpinnings, the three exhibitions across Xspace's Window Space (Erica Gibbs), Main Space (curated by Reiley Whelen) and Project Space (Jason Mendiola) represent familiar processes in tandem with new possibilities. Hard left turns, leaps of faith, and the thrill of the unknown—not dissimilar to the unique position that these two artists and curator find themselves in as they move through the first beginning of the academic year post graduation.

Eagerly positioned at a fresh starting point, these exhibitions consider what new or unexpected outcomes may sprawl out from brief detours taken while on the continuous, forever marathon we know to be creative practice.

Congratulations to Erica Gibbs, Reiley Whelen, and Jason Mendiola.

– Avalon Mott
Artistic Director