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## **G5 Collective presents Ignition, a group exhibition at The Jung Center**

On view August 19 through September 28, 2023

HOUSTON TX — JULY 20, 2023 — G5 Collective, a Houston-based artist collective co-founded in 2020 by University of Houston MFA graduates Liz Gates and Doug Welsh, will present a group exhibition of works by its five members at The Jung Center, located at 5200 Montrose Boulevard in Houston, Texas, opening Saturday, August 19, 2023. The exhibition will be on view through September 28, 2023. A reception with the artists will be held Saturday, September 9, from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

G5 Collective is Saran Alderson, Sarah Fisher, Liz Gates, Ashita Sawhney and Doug Welsh. G5 Collective's mission is to serve as a collaborative force for good, igniting positive action in the Houston art community and supporting each other without ego.

**In Ignition, G5 Collective reintroduces itself to the Houston art community.**

The group is launching a new logo, a new website ([www.g5collective.art](http://www.g5collective.art)) and will present new work that expresses each member's artistic drive and inspiration while showcasing the diversity of creative practices within G5:

"Collectively we are united by a passion to create, but we are each ignited by different forces. Saran Alderson is inspired by the human body, with all of its eccentricities and fabulocities. Through the lens of portraiture, Sarah Fisher records the human need to be authentically seen. Liz Gates is driven by a desire to create safe spaces for future generations. Visible color and inclusive graphic design practices fuels Ashita Sawhney's work. Doug Welsh is ignited by Mitch Pengra, his partner and muse, who is a constant source of love, inspiration and joy. This show is equally about the specific things that motivate us as individual artists, and the shared sense of purpose and urgency we feel in a collective desire to help shape an art world that embraces positivity, inclusivity, service and support – without ego. This is G5."

**G5 Mission —> Support. Show. Serve.**

Created while Gates and Welsh were pursuing their MFAs at UH and named for the new UH graduate art school building garage, G5 Collective emerged out of necessity early in the Covid 19 pandemic, when artist residencies and exhibition opportunities were dwindling

or completely unavailable. What began in the spring of 2020 as a grad-student, problem-solving initiative has evolved into a cohesive handful of artists dedicated to supporting and promoting each other's work, to showing their work together as a group and to serving the art community by committing to at least one significant group volunteer project per calendar year.

"We founded G5 in 2020 because we saw a need to connect with fellow artists, support and encourage each other in our creative pursuits, build sustainable studio practices, and give back to the Houston arts community," said Welsh. "Now, more than ever, we must champion inclusivity and collaboration," added Gates. "We believe that there is room for everyone, everywhere to create, and that a community focused on kindness and diversity will benefit all of us."

### **Currently evaluating service opportunities**

Over the past two years, G5 artists have made significant volunteer contributions to The Orange Show and to the fundraiser Bearing Witness: Houston Artists Respond in support of Ukraine. G5 is currently evaluating group service project opportunities for 2023/2024.

For more information on G5 Collective, visit [www.g5collective.art](http://www.g5collective.art). To join the G5 email list or to pitch a volunteer opportunity for G5's consideration, please contact G5 at [gfivecollective@gmail.com](mailto:gfivecollective@gmail.com).

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### **About The Jung Center**

For more than sixty years, The Jung Center has served as a nonprofit resource unique to Houston -- a forum for dynamic conversations across disciplines and perspectives about what matters most in our lives:

"We champion the value of living an examined life. We prize compassion and creativity. We encourage action rooted in reflection and connection. We look beyond convenient stories to uncover what we have hidden from ourselves -- and what has been hidden from us by others. We do this through hundreds of events, exhibits, and performances every year throughout the region and online."

Located in the heart of Houston's Museum District at 5200 Montrose Boulevard, The Jung Center is accessible via car, public transport, bike, or walking. Gallery hours are Monday - Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Saturday: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



G5 Collective: (left to right) Ashita Sawhney, Saran Alderson, Doug Welsh, Liz Gates, Sarah Fisher.

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