

# CANAL PROJECTS

**Canal Projects** is a non-profit arts organization dedicated to supporting forward-thinking international artists at pivotal moments in their careers. We intend to increase representation and diversity in the field of contemporary art through production, exhibition, research, and interpretation of today's most exciting global artists. Spanning two floors, Canal Projects seeks to provide a responsive and generative space to nurture and promote a wide range of intersectional and multidisciplinary artists, granting them the space and resources necessary for greater creativity, experimentation, and risk-taking.

Canal Projects serves our diverse communities by being a conduit and a resource which nurtures people's different perspectives and uplifts their unique life experiences. Fostering spaces for collective learning and exchange we are committed to generating opportunities for artists and communities to reflect together on the challenges we face today both locally and globally. For this, we are supplementing our exciting exhibitions with an array of thought-provoking public programs.

Alongside exhibitions, Canal Projects hosts talks, performances, readings, and screenings as well as a library programmed by a rotating series of artists and collectives. The library residency is an experimental site for durational research-based practice. We invite residents to take over the library to develop their work and research while also turning the residency into an occasion to help us become evermore welcoming, accessible, and permeable to our diverse audiences.

Canal Projects opened its doors on September 29, 2022, under the leadership of Artistic Director Summer Guthery. Prior to joining Canal Projects, Guthery was the Executive Director and co-founder of the nonprofit gallery JOAN in Los Angeles, California, a non-profit exhibition space focusing on emerging and underrepresented artists. She also worked as the Curator of Performance and Public Programming at LAXART in Los Angeles and as an Assistant Curator of Performa Biennial in 2013 & 2011. Guthery has written for publications including Frieze, Artforum, ArtReview, and Art in America, and holds an M.A. from the Center for Curatorial Studies at Bard College. Her appointment comes with a commitment to access, diversity, and community-oriented programming.

Canal Projects is generously supported by the YS Kim Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization that provides general support grants and implements innovative programs to help underrepresented and emerging artists and their communities thrive. YS Kim Foundation envisions a world where people and communities grow and flourish with culture, creativity, opportunities, and connection. Its mission is to support, mobilize, and open new pathways of success for artists, children, young leaders, communities, and organizations. It does this by starting new initiatives and providing grants and scholarships to organizations and students.

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