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**Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts
Unveiling of *Home/Hogar* Installation on August 25, 2018**



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The Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts, the 342-year-old Boston-based art center, is hosting its 2018 Artist in Residence, Nora Valdez during the month of August. Nora, a Boston based, Argentine sculptor has spent the month working with a group of interns from Teen Bridge, the Eliot School's rigorous arts program that combines skill building, mentorship, employment and exposure to artists and opportunities in the arts. Nora and the teens discussed what home means to them and held workshops at the Boston public libraries in Jamaica Plain and Roxbury to engage the larger community in the discussion and artmaking. Participants of all ages discussed and reflected, through artmaking, their own ideas of home, exploring the following questions and more: What makes a place home? How do you create a feeling of home and safety without a consistent physical home? What are some challenges that your larger community may experience when creating a sense of home, that you may not experience? What makes home safe and comforting?

Nora and the teens have incorporated all the collected creations and ideas into a large collaborative art sculpture that will be unveiled at a culminating event on August 25 at 2pm at the Eliot School Anex at 253 Amory Street in Jamaica Plain. This sculpture will continue to evolve throughout the fall with visitors to Jamaica Plain Open Studios invited to add their own thoughts and creativity as the sculpture is displayed in the yard of the Eliot School on September 22 & 23. Lastly, from October 31- December 2, components of the sculpture will be exhibited at Galatea Fine Art Gallery, with the opening reception on Friday, November 2 and Artist talk on Sunday November 4.

See Details below:

Unveiling Event

Eliot School Annex: 253 Amory St, Boston, MA 02130

- Saturday, August 25, 2-4pm

Jamaica Plain Open Studios

Elliot School of Fine & Applied Arts: 24 Eliot Street, Boston, 02130

- Saturday, September 22 and Sunday September 23, 11am-6pm

Artist in Residence Exhibition

Galatea Fine Art: 460 Harrison Ave #B6, Boston, MA 02118

- Reception: Friday, November 2, 6-8pm
- Artist Talk: Sunday, November 4, 3pm
- Exhibition: October 31-December 2

About the Eliot School

Inspiring lifelong learning in craftsmanship and creativity, the Eliot School teaches 3,500 people each year, including 2,000 children in Boston's public schools and community centers. Named Best of Boston twice by Boston Magazine, the school's areas of focus include woodworking, sewing and fashion, fiber arts, book arts, painting, drawing, and programs for children and teens.

About Artist in Residence

The Eliot School Artist in Residence is an annual program that supports Boston-based artists as they collaborate with Teen Bridge interns to unpack a relevant theme through discussion, artmaking and community engagement. The Artist works with the teens to provide an authentic experience of their studio practice, while guiding the teens to take their artistic skills to a new level and helping them see the impact of public engagement to have a positive impact on the community around them.

About Teen Bridge

Teen Bridge is a year-round, intensive multi-year program for teens from 8th grade through high school, recruited from the Eliot School's partner schools. Teen Bridge engages a small group of teens in a strong visual and manual arts program outside of school that combines skill building, mentorship, job training, employment and exposure to artists and intensive art enrichment opportunities.