

# TUG Collective

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## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 Brighton Screen Dance Festival | *This Part I Carry* | Official Selection | UK  
Dance Camera Istanbul | *This Part I Carry* | Official Selection | Republic of Turkey
- 2021 Emery Community Arts Center | *sea/sky, blood, earth, you* | Maine  
London International Screen Dance Festival | *This Part I Carry* | Official Selection | UK
- 2020 The Dairy Arts Center | *Borders, Corridors, Lines of Desire* | Colorado [Cancelled due to COVID]
- 2018 Lawrence Arts Center | *Borders, Corridors, Lines of Desire* | Kansas  
SoCA Armouries Gallery | *Borders, Corridors, Lines of Desire* | Canada  
University of Maine Farmington Art Gallery | *Borders, Corridors, Lines of Desire* | Maine
- 2016 Luminary Center for the Arts | *Who Eats at Taco Bell?* | Missouri  
*La Esquina* | *Who Eats at Taco Bell?* | Missouri  
The Residential | *Who Eats at Taco Bell?* | Iowa  
Holter Museum of Art | *Who Eats at Taco Bell?* | Montana  
FrontierSpace | *Who Eats at Taco Bell?* | Montana  
Knappton Cove Heritage Center | *Who Eats at Taco Bell?* | Washington  
Lower Columbia Diversity Project | *Who Eats at Taco Bell?* | Oregon

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Harvestworks | *from NATURE: an art and tech exhibition* | New York City  
Field Projects | *Event Horizon* | New York City  
Rhode Island Center for Photographic Arts | *Resistance: Seen/Unseen* | Providence
- 2021 University of New England Art Gallery | *Home Fires* | Maine  
SPACE Gallery | *What Rhymes with Freedom? Visions of Decarceration* | Maine
- 2020 National Coalition Against Censorship | *Let Me Speak* | curated benefit auction | Virtual
- 2019 STAMP Gallery | *Visualizing Narratives: Shaping Resistance* | Maryland  
Art Room | *NOW/Contemporary 2019* | Texas
- 2018 Center for Maine Contemporary Art *Biennial* | Maine  
HERA Gallery | *Intolerance as Violence* | Rhode Island

## PERFORMANCE HISTORY

- 2018 Colby College Museum of Art | Maine
- 2017 The Cannery | *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sound Installation Festival* | Maine  
Portland Conservatory of Music | *Back Cove New Music Festival* | Maine  
Innovative Media Research and Communication Center | *Concert for Contemplation: In Solidarity with Anoush Mouzzani* | Maine
- 2016 Holter Museum of Art | Montana  
FrontierSpace | Montana  
Knappton Cove Heritage Center | Washington  
Lower Columbia Diversity Project | Oregon  
Portland Conservatory of Music | *Back Cove New Music Festival* | Maine
- 2013 University of Maine at Machias | *Libra Scholar Series* | Maine
- 2012 Hut Institute for Emerging Artists | New York City
- 2011 Cleveland Playhouse | *Fusion Fest* | Ohio
- 2009 Guelph Jazz Festival and Colloquium | Canada
- 2008 *Warmer by the Stove* Music Series | New York City  
Appalachian State University | *Diversity Festival* | North Carolina
- 2007 Galería 409 | Texas

## RESIDENCIES

- 2018 Lawrence Arts Center | Project-Based Residency in Printmaking | Kansas  
2017 The Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts | *Art, Empathy, and Ethos* | Nebraska  
Union for Contemporary Art | *Borders, Corridors, Lines of Desire* | Nebraska  
Hewnoaks Artist Colony | Maine  
2016 Luminary Center for the Arts | Missouri  
Charlotte Street Foundation | Missouri and Kansas  
Vermillion Public Library | South Dakota  
Intermedia MFA Program, University of Maine Orono | Maine  
2015 FrontierSpace | Montana  
Centre for Ethnographic Research and Exhibition in the Aftermath of Violence | Concordia University | Canada  
2010 Green Corridor | Canada  
2008 ARX Fest | México  
2007 Guapamacátaro Interdisciplinary Residency in Art + Ecology | México

## ARTIST TALKS + VISITING ENGAGEMENTS

- 2021 The Cannery | *What Does Liberation Sound Like?* | Instrument building workshop and collective music-making event with Downeast Restorative Justice | Maine  
2020 School of Visual Arts | New York  
2019 STAMP Gallery | Maryland  
2018 Le Mans University | The Figure and Representation of the Migrant in Art and Literature | Plenary talk | France  
MFA Curatorial Practice Program, School of Visual Arts | New York  
Center for Maine Contemporary Art *Who Do You Love?* | Maine  
2017 School of the Arts, University of Nebraska | *Wilson Memorial Lecture* | Nebraska  
Nebraska Justice for Our Neighbors | Nebraska  
2016 The Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts | Nebraska  
2014 Haystack Mountain School of Crafts Cultural Summit | Maine  
2012 Arts and Aesthetics in a Globalizing World | *Freedom: The Balance Between Autonomy and Care* | India  
Hangzhou Normal University | *What is Experiential Learning?* | China  
Fudan University | *What is Experiential Learning?* | China  
2011 (Re)thinking Improvisation: International Sessions on Artistic Research in Music | *Box the Compass* | Sweden  
Juice 3.0—The Creative Economy Conference | “Building the Next Community Media Portal” Panel | Maine  
2007 University of Texas at Brownsville | Texas  
2006 California State University Dominguez Hills | California

## PRESS + BOOKS

- 2021 *Borders, Cultures, and Globalization: A Canadian Perspective* | Lee Rodney | University of Ottawa Press  
2021 “A closer look at the state’s incarceration system with Tug Collective” | *Daily Bulldog* | Maine  
“Emery Community Arts Center hosts exhibit, meetings on mass incarceration reform and prisoner advocacy” | *The Franklin Journal* | Maine  
“Farmington couple’s art, writing look at caregiving and aging” | *Sun Journal* | Maine  
2019 Art Room, *NOW/Contemporary 2019*, Group Exhibition Catalog | Texas  
2018 “The path of Lewis & Clark and its impact on American culture” | News Center Maine NBC | Maine  
2017 *NET Radio Friday LIVE* | Nebraska Public Radio, KUCV 91.1 FM, October 13 | Nebraska  
*Looking Beyond Borderlines: North America’s Frontier Imagination* | Lee Rodney | Routledge  
“Columbia Makes Her Way to North Omaha” | *The Omaha Star* (v.79 n20) | Nebraska  
“Back Cove festival highlights what’s ‘in vogue’” | *Portland Press Herald*, | Maine  
2016 “Talking tacos, with a side of truth” | *The Daily Astorian* | Oregon  
“On Our Radar” | Creative Capital

- “Who Eats at Taco Bell?’ Comes to Astoria” | *Coastal Life* | Oregon  
 “Vermillion Library to Host Social Artists” | *Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan* | South Dakota  
 “The Aguilar” | *Radio 570 WNAX* | South Dakota  
 “Who Eats at Taco Bell”—what you get when you cross social practice, collaboration, and tacos” | *Bangor Daily News* | Maine
- 2015 “No Man’s Land: Tug Collective crosses the border into FrontierSpace” | *Missoula Independent* | Montana  
 “Curating Ambivalence: An Interview with Erica Lehrer” | *American Anthropologist* (v.117 n.3)
- 2007 “Galería 409 Hosts ‘Ah, Raza!’ Performance” | *The Brownsville Herald* | Texas

## PUBLICATIONS + CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2022 sea, sky, blood, earth, you | *Maine Arts Journal*
- 2020 Who Will Care for the Dead? | Limited Edition Artist Book | *TUG Imprints*
- 2018 Ethnographic Contrafacta | Limited Edition Artist Book | *TUG Imprints*
- 2016 Who Eats at Taco Bell? | *Trail Companion, National Historic Lewis and Clark Trail*
- 2015 A Thought Dilation. In Open Engagement: A Social Response, *Temporary Art Review*  
*Uphonias: Sounds and Future Environments*, Concordia University | Canada
- 2014 *Collaboration, Exhibition, Research* | Hemispheric Institute of Performance and Politics | Canada
- 2013 “Box the Compass” | (Re)thinking Improvisation: Artistic Explorations and Conceptual Writing | Lund University, Malmö Academy of Music | Sweden  
*Embodiment: Offline and Online* | Hemispheric Institute of Performance and Politics | Brazil
- 2012 “Fuzzy Frontiers: A Performative Materialization of Intentionality” | Improvisational Attitudes: Reflections from Art and Life on Certitude, Failure, and Doubt | *Critical Studies in Improvisation / Etudes Critiques en Improvisation* | Canada
- 2009 “Ah, Raza! Making Ideas and Revelations Matter” | Guelph Jazz Festival Colloquium’s *Improvisation, the Arts, and Social Policy* | Canada

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- 2024/5 New York University | Undergraduate Research | Gramercy Creative Research Initiative
- 2021 Maine Prisoner Reentry Network and Maine Coastal Reentry Center | Organizers + Collaborators for Community Action Meeting at Emery Community Arts Center | Maine
- 2020 Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition | Project Collaborators | Maine
- 2016 Maine Humanities Council | Advisors for Student Humanities Ambassador Program | Maine  
 Young Business Professionals | Featured Speakers at the UP Next Coffee Hour | South Dakota  
 Maine Initiatives | Readers for the 2016 *Grants for Change* program supporting racial equity and justice  
 Union for Contemporary Arts | Presenters of ‘Food as Culture’ Cooking class for youth ‘Art Club’ | Nebraska  
 The Holter Museum of Art | Presenters of ‘Food as Culture’ Cooking class for ‘Passport on a Plate’ youth group | Montana  
 Peace Lutheran Church of Astoria | Presenters of ‘Food as Culture’ Cooking class for youth | Oregon  
 Edward Little High School | Presentation of Work at the *Social Studies in Action Day* | Maine
- 2013 United Way of the Tri-County Area | Members of ‘CommUnity Works’ | Maine

## AWARDS

- 2017 Bemis Center for the Arts Artist Fellowship | Nebraska
- 2007 Guapamacátaro Theatre for Development Fellowship | México

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Faculty, MFA Art Practice, School of Visual Arts, New York City [2018-present]

## EDUCATION

- Gaelyn Aguilar Ph.D. Social Anthropology, University of Southern California
- Gustavo Aguilar D.M.A. Contemporary Performance, University of California, San Diego  
 MFA Multi-Focus Performance, California Institute of the Arts