



BEMIS × CENTER  
**2025**  
IMPACT REPORT



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## Greetings Bemis Friends!

Each year, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts brings artists and audiences together around new ideas and experiences. In 2025, that mission felt especially meaningful as we welcomed growing numbers of visitors through our doors and strengthened connections between artists and community members across Omaha and beyond. Indeed, one of the most rewarding aspects of the year—for me, and for many on our team—was witnessing new audiences from near and far discover Bemis Center for the first time.



At a time when genuine opportunities to gather and engage across differences can feel increasingly rare, we witnessed firsthand the power of contemporary art to spark conversation and foster connection. Throughout the year, thousands of visitors participated in exhibitions,

performances, educational programs, and special events that encouraged curiosity and invited new perspectives.

The artists we worked with challenged us to think deeply about some of the most pressing issues shaping our world—from environmental stewardship and climate change to healthcare, identity, place, and belonging. Through their work, audiences encountered unfamiliar viewpoints and engaged with complex ideas in ways that felt thoughtful, and above all, human.

Our commitment to supporting artists remained at the heart of everything we do. Through our internationally recognized Residency Program, artists from around the world came to Omaha to pursue ambitious creative work in an environment built for experimentation and exchange. Their presence enriched our community, while programs like LOW END continued to introduce new audiences to innovative developments in the expansive field of sound art and experimental music.

The impact reflected throughout this report is only possible because of the extraordinary community that surrounds Bemis Center. Our members, donors, sponsors, volunteers, board members, community partners, and dedicated staff all play a vital role in ensuring that artists have the resources they need to create and that the public has free access to transformative cultural experiences.

As we look toward the future, I am energized by the momentum of this year and inspired by the growing community of people who believe in the value of art and artists. We remain committed to supporting artistic risk-taking, creating opportunities for meaningful engagement, and strengthening Omaha’s cultural landscape for generations to come.

Thank you for being part of this work and for helping make Bemis Center a place where creativity and connection continue to thrive.

With gratitude + warmth,

Chris Cook  
Executive Director



MISSION STATEMENT

**Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts facilitates the creation, presentation, and understanding of contemporary art through an international residency program, exhibitions, and educational programs.**

HOSTED  
**54**  
PROGRAMS,  
FREE + OPEN  
TO THE PUBLIC

SHOWCASED  
**250+**  
ARTISTS IN  
**4** WORLD-  
CLASS  
EXHIBITIONS

WELCOMED  
**8,400+**  
VISITORS

Including nearly one quarter from outside of Nebraska.

REACHED  
**403**  
million  
PEOPLE

Via online news, social networks, radio, print, and television sources.

Figure provided by Visit Omaha using Meltwater.

Opposite page: Rachel Lookadoo from University of Nebraska Medical Center's Water, Climate, and Health Program presents in front of Jess Benjamin's *The Future of Drought* (2012–2025) at OMA ARTalks on June 28, 2025. Photo: Ben Semisch.

Bemis Center's Exhibition Program features solo and group exhibitions of artwork in all media by local, national, and international artists. Exhibitions are always free, open to the public, and frequently introduce the community of Omaha to the most experimental and provocative art forms today. In 2025, there were 10 commissioned works, enabling artists to create and present significant work of unique importance and impact that would not have been possible without Bemis's physical and financial resources.

EXHIBITIONS



“The last safe abortion was one of the most moving exhibitions I've ever seen.”  
 —2025 visitor

EXHIBITION

**Carmen Winant:  
The last safe abortion**

January 18–May 4, 2025

ORGANIZED BY THE MINNEAPOLIS INSTITUTE OF ART AND CURATED AT BEMIS CENTER BY RACHEL ADAMS, CHIEF CURATOR + DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS

Drawing on thousands of historical photographs and recent images, this exhibition from artist **Carmen Winant** (COLUMBUS, OH) focused on the everyday, behind-the-scenes work of abortion providers, offering a tender yet powerful narrative that celebrates the compassion and commitment of healthcare workers.

Originated by the Minneapolis Institute of Art and curated by Casey Riley, Chair, Global Contemporary Art and Curator of Photography & New Media.



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EXHIBITION

**Synchronicities: Intersecting  
Figuration with Abstraction**

January 18–May 4, 2025

CURATED BY RACHEL ADAMS, CHIEF CURATOR + DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS

A visual journey that challenged traditional artistic categories, this dynamic group exhibition celebrated the fluidity of artists who navigate the spaces between abstraction and figuration. Each artist's unique approach blurred the lines between the recognizable and the abstract, inviting viewers to explore the layers of meaning within their works.



**Leia Genis**  
ATLANTA, GA

**Laura Hart Newlon**  
VANCOUVER, CANADA

**Christina Quarles**  
LOS ANGELES, CA

**Sheree Hovsepian**  
EAST HAMPTON, NY

**Sondra Perry**  
NEWARK, NJ

**Heather Rasmussen**  
LOS ANGELES, CA

**Liz McCarthy**  
CHICAGO, IL

**Amy Pleasant**  
BIRMINGHAM, AL

**Carolyn Salas**  
HUDSON, NY

COMMISSION

**Amy Pleasant, *Surface*, 2025**

Latex paint on wall

This site-specific mural for *Synchronicities* extended the artist's distinctive visual language into an immersive spatial experience, conceived directly in dialogue with the exhibition theme and Bemis's unique architecture. The work unfolded across the wall as a continuous, gestural narrative that acted as a large signpost and dynamic backdrop. Its integration within the gallery underscored the exhibition's exploration of how forms, ideas, and bodies exist in relation to one another.



EXHIBITION

# From the Great Lakes to the Great Plains: The Visible Currents of Climate Change

June 13–September 14, 2025

CURATED BY RACHEL ADAMS, CHIEF CURATOR + DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS

Examining the interrelationship between past, present, and future landscapes of the Great Lakes and Great Plains regions, this exhibition highlighted how water remains at the core of all climate change conversations. These two distinct yet interconnected regions—one defined by vast freshwater systems and the other by expansive prairies and riverways—serve as critical sites for understanding the environmental, cultural, and political dimensions of water. Through a diverse range of artistic practices, the exhibition brought together artists who are originally from, currently living in, or who have lived in these areas, emphasizing the urgency of climate-related challenges on both a local and global scale.

**Teresa Baker**  
LIVINGSTON, MT

**Jess Benjamin**  
OMAHA, NE

**Nadia Botello**  
SAN ANTONIO, TX

**Rozalinda Borcilă +  
Andrea Carlson**  
CHICAGO, IL  
GRAND MARAIS, MN

**Hoesy Corona**  
BALTIMORE, MD

**LaToya Ruby Frazier**  
CHICAGO, IL

**Timothy Frehrichs**  
FREDONIA, NY

**Dana Fritz**  
LINCOLN, NE

**Sky Hopinka**  
BROOKLYN, NY

**JeeYeun Lee**  
CHICAGO, IL

**Dylan AT Miner**  
ANN ARBOR, MI

**Trey Moody**  
OMAHA, NE

**John Pfahl†**  
BUFFALO, NY

**Platte Basin Timelapse**  
LINCOLN, NE

**Asad Raza**  
BERLIN, GERMANY

**Karen Reimer**  
CHICAGO, IL

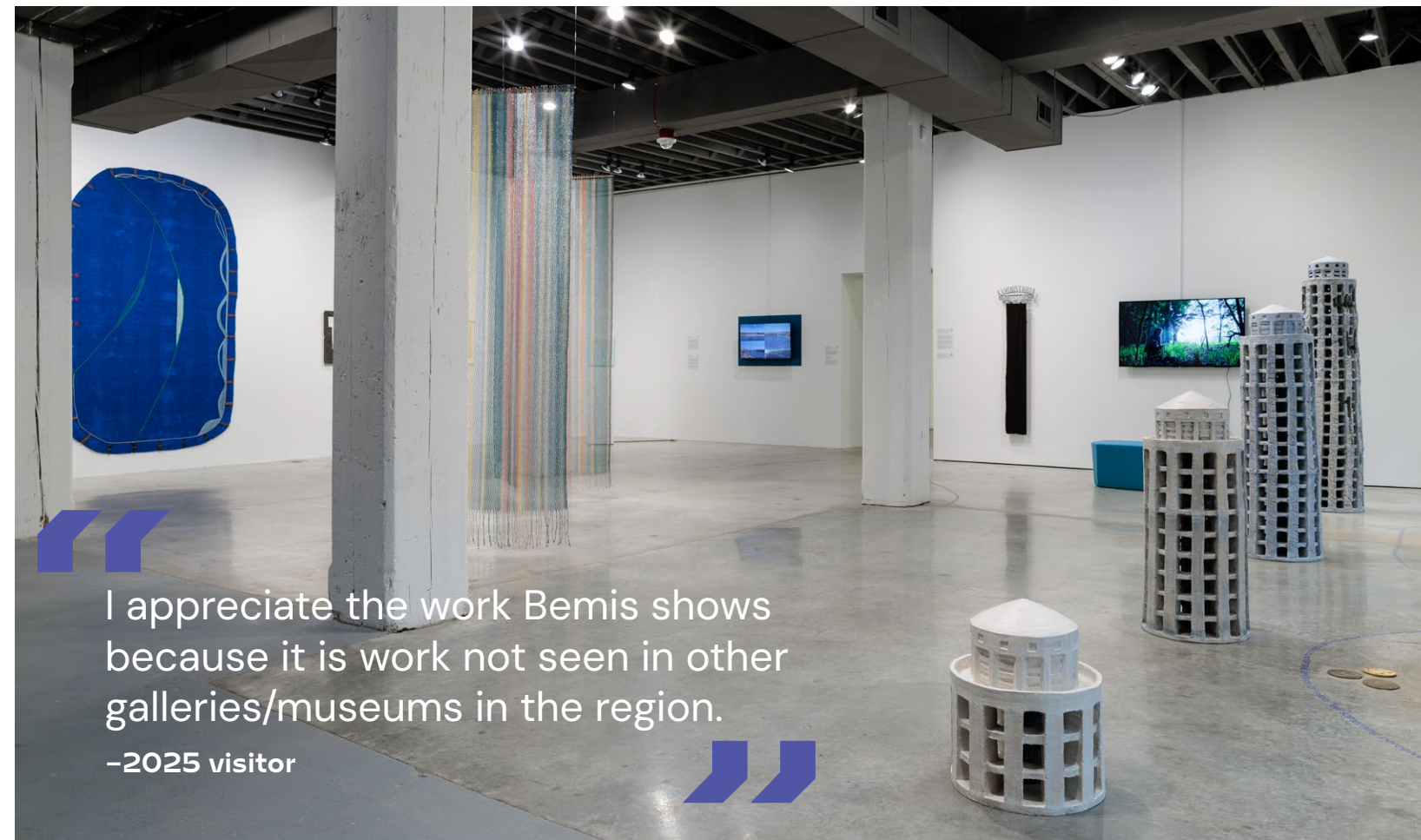
**Anna Scime**  
BUFFALO, NY

**Bently Spang**  
BILLINGS, MT

**Colleen Thurston**  
TULSA, OK

**Tali Weinberg**  
CHAMPAIGN, IL

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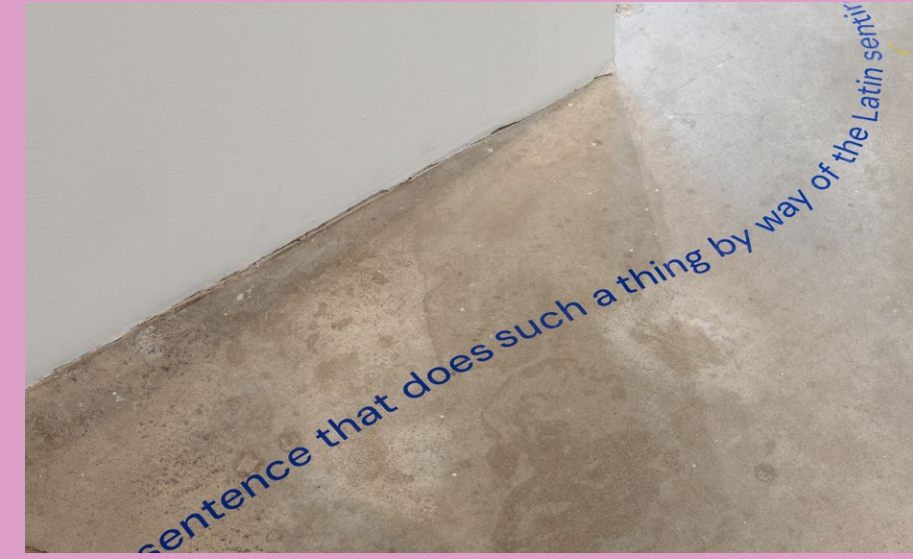
I appreciate the work Bemis shows because it is work not seen in other galleries/museums in the region.

–2025 visitor

COMMISSION

**Trey Moody, *Thread of Water*, 2025**  
Vinyl

Trey Moody is a poet whose work sits in the threshold between language, landscape, and lived experience. With a keen attunement to the rhythms of the natural world, Moody's poetry often has explored themes of water—its capacity to shape, sustain, and erode both physical environments and human emotions. *Thread of Water* wound through the galleries like a river, stitching together the works on view and echoing the elemental force of water—our sustaining lifeblood, our shared connection.



COMMISSION

**Tali Weinberg, *Places made by water, bodies made of water, shimmering with agitation*, 2025**

130 years of NOAA temperature data for the Missouri River Basin, the Upper Mississippi River Basin, the Great Lakes Basin, and the Ohio River Basin, linen, plant and insect dyes, plastic fishing line

Featuring four semi-transparent woven panels, each interpreting climate data from one of the major river basins represented in the exhibition: the Upper Mississippi, Missouri, Great Lakes, and Ohio. These regions are united by the flow of all precipitation into a single shared body of water.



COMMISSION

**Dylan AT Miner, *Praying for Presents #1–#7*, 2025**

Engraved chrome lowrider plaque with carbonized, old-growth, nineteenth-century timber harvested underwater in Georgian Bay (Ontario) rivers

This work features seven engraved chrome plaques bearing the names of river systems that connect the Great Lakes to the Plains—routes traveled by Métis and mixed-ancestry communities during the nineteenth-century fur trade era. Inspired by lowrider car club plaques, the pieces extend the artist's idea of "lowriding" as a way of moving in relationship to the lands and waters of Turtle Island and will be installed in groups of three across reclaimed old-growth eastern white pine harvested from beneath the Great Lakes watershed.



EXHIBITIONS



I felt inspired as a result of my visit to Bemis Center.



**93%** of visitors agree

- Joe Addison
- Ekta Aggarwal
- Heather Akerberg
- Sara Alfieri
- Amber Eve Anderson
- Carlie Antes
- Paolo Arao
- Christopher Atkins
- Anahita Bagheri
- Teresa Baker
- Jess Benjamin
- Baylee Bennett
- Margaret Berry
- Sarah Bird
- Erin Blayney
- M. Blood-Anderson
- James Bockelman
- Jennifer Bockelman
- Nadia Botello
- Rozalinda Borcilä
- Molly Routhieaux Braley
- Hana Brock
- Joseph Broghammer
- Helen Brough
- Amelia Broussard
- Gregory D. Brown
- Jenny Brown
- Sally Jane Brown
- Sandi Bruns
- Dillon Bryant
- Larry Buller
- Jamie Burmeister
- Erin Butcher
- Celeste Butler
- Ashley Byars
- Casey Callahan
- Andrea Carlson
- Joseph Carter
- Madeline Cass
- Katie Chin
- Richard Chung
- Jewelya Coffey
- John Cohorst
- Evan Colbert
- Zorica Colic
- Hoesy Corona
- Angeles Cossio
- Derek Courtney
- Dan Crane
- Austin Cullen
- DARNstudio (David Anthon + Ron Norsworthy)
- Shane Darwent
- Hannah Demma
- Peter Demos
- Louise Deroualle
- Stephen Dinsmore
- Jack Doloszycki
- Keegan Dunn
- Michael eggman
- Lori Elliott-Bartle
- Jaden Estes Carlson
- Fallen Fruit (Austin Young +
- David Allen Burns)
- Laurel Farrin
- Beth Fein
- Lara Felsing
- Marcus Fischer
- Elaine Fleck
- Abby Fogle-Erickson
- Francine Fox
- LaToya Ruby Frazier
- Timothy Frerichs
- Laurie Frick
- Nancy Friedemann-Sánchez
- Charley Friedman
- Dana Fritz
- Gonzalo Fuenmayor
- Eduardo Gardea
- Larry Gawel
- Lyndee George
- Leia Genis
- Kimberly Glass
- Neil Griess
- Adler Guerrier
- Tim Guthrie
- Ramon Guzman
- Thomas Halbur
- Laura Hallen
- Kristine Hansen-Cain
- P. Hanson
- Curt Harris
- Camille Hawbaker Voorhees
- Phil Hawkins
- Donté Hayes
- Joseph Holmes
- Sheree Hovsepian
- Sky Hopinka
- Riitta Ikonen
- Shaun Ilahi
- Junichiro Ishida
- Andrés Janacua
- Alex Jochim
- Randall Johanningsmeier
- Andrew Johnson
- Courtney Johnson
- Steve Joy
- Betni Kalk
- Jun Kaneko
- Aaron Karp
- Stephen Kavanaugh
- Charles Kay Jr.
- Justin N. Kim
- Keri Kimura
- Jerry Kinney
- Matthew Kluber
- Epiphany Knedler
- Susan Knight
- Julie Kregness Thorsen
- Inna Kulagina
- Kate Laing
- Josephine Langbehn
- Lori Larusso
- JeeYeun Lee
- Jonathan Lee
- Denise Levy
- Hai-Wen Lin
- Anne Lindberg
- Karen Linder
- Shawnequa Linder
- Klaire Lockheart
- Brad Marr
- Pamela Martínez Oquendo
- Bob Mathews
- Liz McCarthy
- Todd McCollister
- Jen McEvoy
- Susan McGilvrey
- Thomas Mclaughlin
- Derek Meier
- linn meyers
- Dylan AT Miner
- Robert Minervini
- Emily Mohr
- Trey Moody
- Adam Moore
- Cobi Moules
- Troy Muller
- Anne Muntges
- Deborah J Murphy
- erin murtha
- Jenene Nagy
- Jill Nahrstedt
- Christina Narwicz
- A. Neddo
- Laura Hart Newlon
- Kelsey Noecker
- Garry Noland
- Kadie Nugent
- Matthew O'Reilly
- KC OGO
- Chad M. Olsen
- Aaron C Packard
- Joe Pankowski
- Ariel Panowicz
- Ann Pape
- Ami Park
- Sarah Parys
- Alec Paul
- Peyton Pearson
- ilaamen pelshaw
- Anthony Peña
- Sondra Perry
- Kristae Peterson
- John Pfahl
- Shiri Phillips
- Ben Placzek
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- Amy Pleasant
- Kristin Pluhacek
- Suzy Poling
- Courtney Kenny Porto
- Josh Powell
- Taylor Powell
- Thomas Prinz
- Ralph Pugay
- Lim Puoch
- Christina Quarles
- Heather Rasmussen
- Bryan Raymundo
- Makenzie Raymundo
- Asad Raza
- Jodi Reeb
- Karen Reimer
- Garet Reynek
- Tim Rickett
- Jill Rizzo
- Larry Roots
- Sarah Rowe
- Lee Emma Running
- Carolyn Salas
- shannon sargent
- Lynnette Therese Sauer
- Polina Schlott
- Elspeth Schulze
- Anna Scime
- Lissa Scotland
- Jeff Sedrel
- Ben Semisch
- Andre' Sessions Jr
- Angie Seykora
- Lela Shahrzad Welch
- Colin C. Smith
- Francisco Souto
- Bently Spang
- Andréa Stanislav
- Meghan Stevens
- Evan Stoler
- Mary Ann Strandell
- Iggy Sumnik
- Madison Svendgard
- Barbara Takenaga
- Patty Talbert
- Irén Tété
- Jeff Thompson
- Terrol Thompson
- Colleen Thurston
- Mel Tingley
- Beverly Todd
- Dorothy Tuma
- Emmanuel Umana
- Bart Vargas
- Laurie Victor Kay
- Christina Renfer Vogel
- Carlie Waganer
- Ellen Wagener
- Margeaux Walter
- Dennis D Wattier
- Cindy Weil
- Tali Weinberg
- Thomas Wharton
- watie white
- Samantha Wicht
- Hilary Wiese
- Shea Wilkinson
- Paula Wilson
- Carmen Winant
- Allyce Wood
- Stephanie J Woods
- Amy Xu
- Mary Zicafoose
- Michael Zimmerman

EXHIBITION + AUCTION

## Benefit Art Auction

October 10–24, 2025

Widely known as the party of the year, the Benefit Art Auction is the closing reception for this multi-week exhibition and Omaha's premier celebration of the visual arts. The extensive breadth features more than 300 works of art—paintings, photographs, and sculptures at various sizes—created by more than 200 local, regional, and national artists. On this special night every October, guests enjoy a block party in front of Bemis and the opportunity to browse and bid on artwork throughout the evening. Thanks to the generosity of event sponsors, participating artists, and to the patrons who bid and purchased, the October 24, 2025 auction raised critical funds to ensure Bemis's free, year-round programs can continue.

“ The impact this event has on my practice is twofold and significant: On a personal level, the auction provides invaluable exposure to the dynamic creative culture of the Omaha community, and it generates crucial income that directly supports my work. Both are vital for sustaining my artistic career. —2025 participating artist ”

225  
PARTICIPATING  
ARTISTS

\$242,000  
SALES COMMISSIONS

2,000  
VISITORS

\$850,000  
FUNDS RAISED  
TO SUPPORT  
BEMIS PROGRAMS

 98% OF WASTE  
COMPOSTED  
OR RECYCLED

As part of Bemis's sustainability initiatives, we aim for all events to be zero waste.

The 2025 Benefit Art Auction + Exhibition was made possible by the generosity of these sponsors:

PRESENTING



EPICENTER



CORE



NEXUS



IN-KIND





**35** FREE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS CREATED WITH **100+** COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Through a variety of learning experiences—including artist-led workshops, tours, ARTalks, open studios, panel discussions, film screenings, and more—Bemis creates opportunities for the public to engage with contemporary art and the ideas that shape our world.

In moments of connection spanning informal gatherings with artists-in-residence to academic lectures inspired by our exhibitions, visitors learned directly from creative practitioners and gained insight into their processes. In 2025, we are especially grateful to the dedicated volunteers and student interns whose enthusiasm, curiosity, and contributions helped make these experiences possible.

CONNECTED  
**850**  
MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WITH ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE

Through events like Open House / Open Studios, Meet + Eat, Meet + Greets, and more.

HOSTED  
**52** GROUP TOURS, INCLUDING  
**43** SCHOOL + COMMUNITY GROUPS

FACILITATED  
**7** ARTIST-LED WORKSHOPS

INSPIRED + MENTORED  
**10** STUDENT INTERNS

WELCOMED  
**24** VOLUNTEERS



Opposite page: Artist Rachel Mindrup leads a live figure drawing workshop during Open House / Open Studios on March 29. This page (from top): Artist-in-residence Stephanie J. Woods speaks with a visitor during Open House / Open Studios on July 26; Intern Sydney Huynh (left) with artist-in-residence Sangwoo Yoo during Open House / Open Studios on July 26; Volunteers Laney Feeser (left) and Hannah Pedersen support the interactive photo installation at the Benefit Art Auction on October 24. Photo: Audrey Hertel. All other photos: Ben Semisch.



“ I learned something new at Bemis Center as part of my visit. ”  
**93%** of visitors agree



# SOUND ART + EXPERIMENTAL MUSIC



Bemis's Sound Art + Experimental Music Program aims to not only build new audiences and a greater appreciation for nontraditional forms of music, but also to liberate artists to take risks and present truly avant-garde work.

Since opening in 2019, LOW END—Bemis Center's music venue and an integral part of this program—continues to build a growing audience for experimental music in the Midwest.

## 2025 LIVE @ LOW END

**1,900+**  
ATTENDEES WITNESSED  
**25** BOUNDARY-PUSHING PERFORMANCES



HERE'S WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY:



Expanding my lens of what music and sound is, has been "instrumental" to my understanding of art and expression since moving here two years ago.



I'm always incredibly proud of Omaha for having such a special place that brings in world-class musicians and artists.



I love LOW END events and am so happy they are financially accessible for all!



MSHR (Birch Cooper and Brenna Murphy) perform at LOW END on June 26, 2025. Photo: Ben Semisch.

## 2025 LOW END PERFORMERS

In chronological order

**mattie barbier**  
LOS ANGELES, CA

**Mark Guiliana**  
LOS ANGELES, CA

**Setting**  
PIEDMONT TRIAD, NC

**Paolo Angeli**  
SARDINIA, ITALY

**Niecy Blues**  
CHARLESTON, SC

**The Turntable Trio**  
NEWCASTLE, ENGLAND  
NEW YORK, NY  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA

**Kassa Overall**  
NEW YORK, NY

**Kalia Vandever**  
BROOKLYN, NY

**yuniya edi kwon**  
LENAPEHOKING/NEW YORK, NY

**Shigeto**  
DETROIT, MI

**MSHR**  
PORTLAND, OR

**Robert Aiki  
Aubrey Lowe**  
BROOKLYN, NY

**HxH**  
BROOKLYN, NY

**ganavya**  
BERLIN, GERMANY

**Ava Mendoza**  
BROOKLYN, NY

**Dorian Wood**  
BOSTON, MA

**Felicia Atkinson**  
NORMANDY, FRANCE

**Brighde Chaimbeul**  
SCOTLAND

**Cole Pulice**  
OAKLAND, CA

NEBRASKA-BASED SHOWCASE  
PERFORMERS:

**Alex Jacobsen**

**Stacey Barelos**

**Sener**

**Thom Clarity**

**giselle**

**Phill Smith**



## COMMUNITY TRACKS

2025 Artists: giselle and Devel Crisp



Bemis collaborated with two Omaha-based artists for Community Tracks, a program that offers access to resources—including a \$1,000 stipend and professional studio time—for musicians, composers, and multidisciplinary artists working in this often-underrecognized field.



The Sound Art + Experimental Music Program was generously supported in 2025 by:

Mammel Family  
Foundation

Mellon  
Foundation

Opposite page, from top left: Ava Mendoza on September 18, Kassa Overall on April 17, Shigeto on June 5, Felicia Atkinson on November 13, Paolo Angeli on March 20, Cole Pulice on December 11, Brighde Chaimbeul on November 20, Kalia Vandever on May 1, ganavya on September 11, Niecy Blues on March 27, Talk with The Turntable Trio (Evcshen [Victoria Shen], Mariam Rezaei, and Maria Chávez) on April 3, Dorian Wood on October 16. All photos: Ben Semisch.



**33** ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE  
FROM **5** COUNTRIES  
OUTSIDE  
OF THE US

Recognized among the leading artist residencies worldwide, Bemis Center's Residency Program offers artists an unparalleled environment for research, experimentation, and creative exploration in the heart of downtown Omaha. Artists from around the globe come to Bemis for a process-based experience, free from pressure and expectation. Here, they enjoy private live/work studios and access to extensive installation and production spaces, including the Okada Sculpture + Ceramics Facility and the Sound Studio. Bemis also offers opportunities to forge connections with our local and regional arts ecosystem—the people and places that define the Bemis residency experience.



RESIDENCY



**Regina Agu**  
CHICAGO, IL

**Tabitha Arnold**  
CHATTANOOGA, TN

**Ree Bradley**  
LONDON, UK

**Kathy Cho** +  
ST. LOUIS, MO

**jinseok choi**  
LOS ANGELES, CA

**Cristina Umaña Durán**  
BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA

**Jamie Ho**  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

**Audrey Hope**  
ORLANDO, FL

**HxH** ^  
(Chris Williams + Lester St. Louis)  
BROOKLYN, NY



**Y. Malik Jalal**  
SAVANNAH, GA

**Sydney Meiko King**  
NEW HAVEN, CT

**Haley Kostas**  
KANSAS CITY, MO

**Owen Leong**  
WARRANE/SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

**Hai-Wen Lin**  
CHICAGO, IL

**Chelsea McMaster**  
READING, PA

**Raura Oblitas**  
LIMA, PERU

**Tess Oldfield** ^  
CHICAGO, IL / PROVIDENCE, RI

**Laura Sofía Pérez**  
BROOKLYN, NY / BAYAMÓN, PR



**Ralph Pugay**  
PORTLAND, OR

**Studio Ragheb**  
(Lily Ekiman Ragheb + Ahmed  
T. Ragheb)  
PITTSBURGH, PA

**Rujuta Rao**  
USA / INDIA

**Elsbeth Schulze**  
TULSA, OK

**Pia Singh** %  
CHICAGO, IL

**Leslie Shows** #  
LOS ANGELES, CA

**Linda Sok**  
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

**Lela Shahrzad Welch**  
LOS OSOS, CA

**Dorian Wood** ^  
BOSTON, MA



**Stephanie J. Woods**  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

**Derrick Woods-Morrow**  
PROVIDENCE, RI

**Sangwoo Yoo**  
CHICAGO, IL

**Rachel Youn**  
UNITED STATES

**Residency Tracks**

- ^ Sound Art + Experimental Artist-in-Residence
- # Alumni Artist-in-Residence
- + Curator-in-Residence
- % Critic-in-Residence

Bemis Center's Residency Program is generously supported, in part, by:



Ruth Scott

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# TIME + SPACE TO EXPERIMENT, CREATE, AND INSPIRE



““ As a dancer I’ve always shared studio space. My time at Bemis helped me unlock something deeper within my practice by providing me with my own space and time to externally shake out my ideas into something more tangible. I was finally able to focus on my practice outside deadlines of producing my work. To me, this was life changing. ””

**–Haley Kostas, Spring 2025**

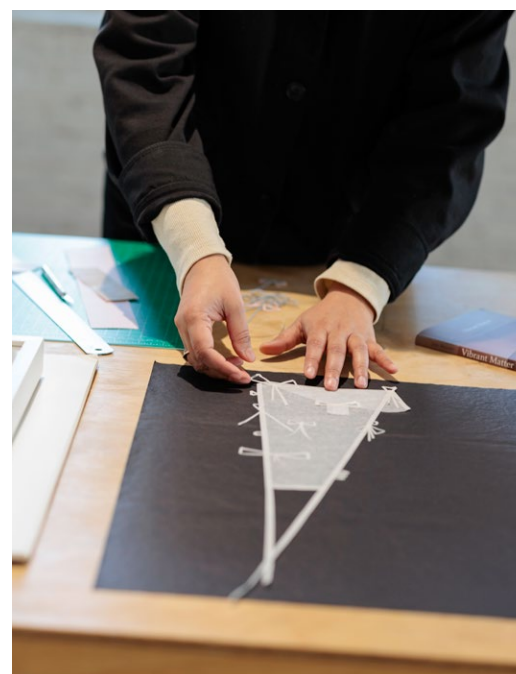


““ I am forever connected to Omaha now, somehow, and I owe it all to Rachel Adams and the incredible peeps who make Bemis such a nourishing beacon of creative hope. ”” **–Dorian Wood, Fall 2025**



““ The residency was a remarkable blend of structure and support with free time and space for substantial growth in the studio. ””

**–Elsbeth Schulze, Summer 2025**

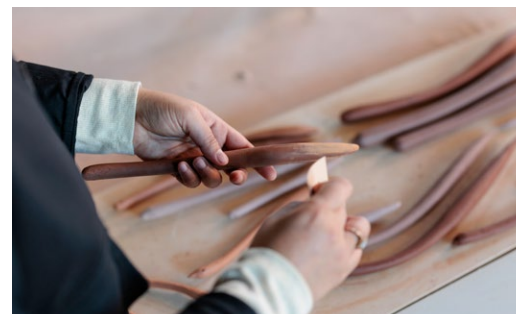


““ Living in the New York area, I’m accustomed to limited space and resources, so having access to Bemis’s generous facilities allowed me to envision my work on a larger, more ambitious scale, a feeling I continue to hold onto even after returning to the city. ””

**–Rujuta Rao, Spring 2025**

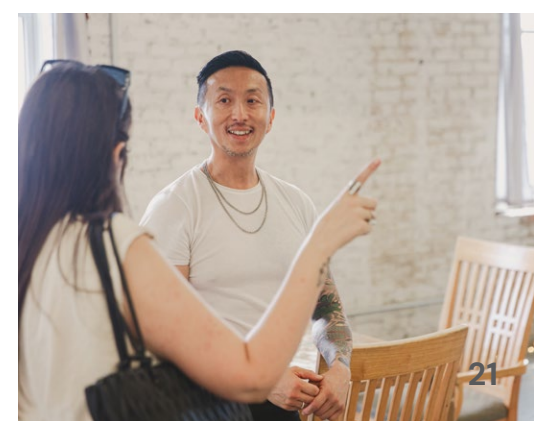
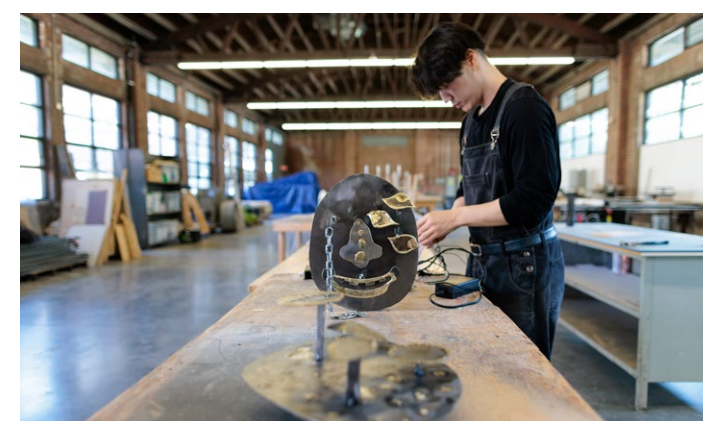
““ My time [at Bemis Center] was both enriching and transformative. Being part of this cohort created an inspiring environment filled with deep thinkers, generous communicators, and dedicated makers, with whom I was able to share meaningful dialogue and exchange. ””

**–Owen Leong, Summer 2025**



““ One of the best residency programs I’ve participated in. ”” **–jinseok choi, Fall 2025**

RESIDENCY



Bemis continues to support and celebrate the transformative experiences that shape artists' practices long after their residency or exhibition ends. The Alumni Program ensures ongoing relevance, connection, and impact to Bemis alumni by providing financial resources, unique opportunities, and expanding their professional networks.

In 2025, we called upon all alumni to reflect on their Bemis experience and share their thoughts in a survey. Respondents—ranging from recent alumni to residents from the 1980s and 1990s—highlighted the lasting effects of their time at Bemis Center, evident in the enduring impact to their individual artistic practices.

**\$25,000**  
**AWARDED TO INCREASE**  
**AN ALUM'S CAPACITY**

Carrizozo, New Mexico-based artist Paula Wilson—an alum from the 2017 exhibition *The Backward Glance*—was honored with **Bemis Center's Ree Kaneko Award**, receiving \$25,000 to increase the capacity of her evolving practice. On April 2, Wilson visited for a public talk, discussing how her practice has expanded since her time at Bemis eight years ago.

The award is by nomination only and selected by a panel of curators and art historians. It is made possible through the generous contributions of Bemis Center donors.

**TOTAL BEMIS CENTER ALUMNI SINCE 1981: 1,855**

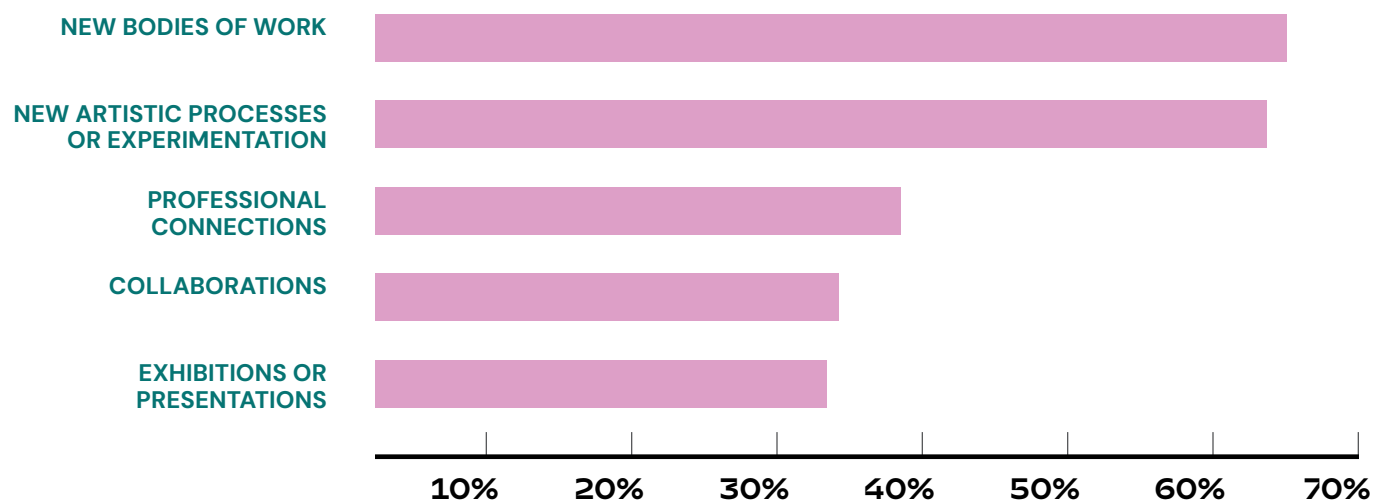
“ My experience at Bemis changed the way I approach my practice/career in a lasting way. ”

**77%** of alumni agree

“ My experience at Bemis had a transformational impact on my artistic practice. ”

**71%** of alumni agree

WHICH OUTCOMES DID YOUR BEMIS EXPERIENCE LEAD TO?



Alumni survey responses were collected in November/December 2025.



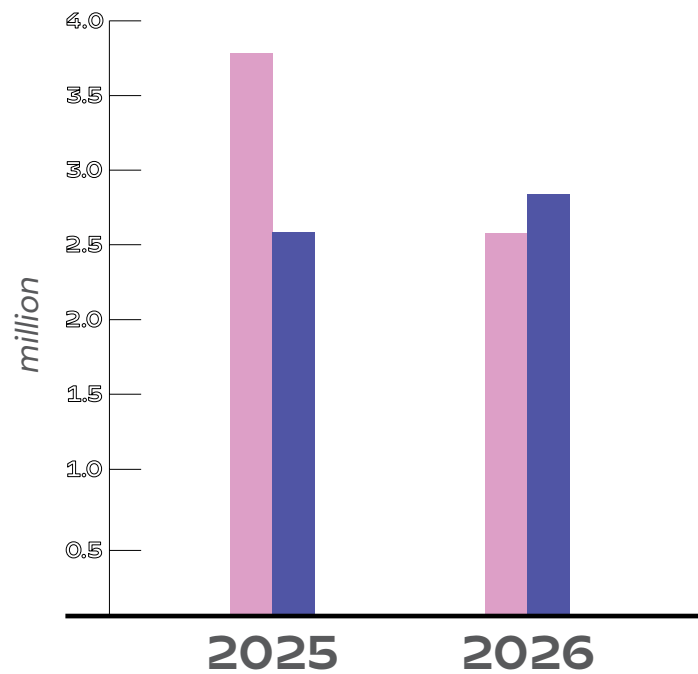
“ My solo exhibition at Bemis Center was a pivotal moment in my practice, allowing me to weave together personal and collective stories through an expansive multimedia installation. The support and relationships I built at Bemis remain integral to my work, and this recognition reaffirms the meaningful connections and shared creativity that define our artistic community. ”

—Paula Wilson, 2025 recipient of Bemis Center's Ree Kaneko Award

Paula Wilson in conversation with Rachel Adams at Bemis Center on April 2.

ALUMNI

REE KANEKO AWARD



2025\*

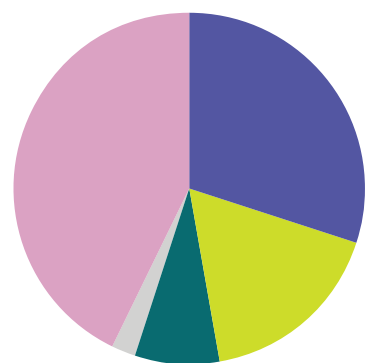
Income	\$3,880,578
Expenses	\$2,585,751

2026 projected

Income	\$2,546,601
Expenses	\$2,855,063

\*Audited financial report will be available in fall 2026.

2025 Income Sources



43%	Individual
30%	Foundation
17%	Earned
8%	Government
2%	Corporate



\$20,000+

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- Nebraska Department of Economic Development
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- The Sherwood Foundation
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- Allison and Chase Woodward
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- Robin and Aaron Shaddy
- Stephanie Sutton and Thomas Brush

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- Travis Tyler
- Kate and Roger Weitz
- Megan Zegers

\$1,000-\$2,499

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