

Saturday, November 19
Opening Reception: November 19, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
630 Flushing Avenue, First Floor, Brooklyn NY, 11206

THE BRIDGE 2022

THE IW GALLERY is pleased to announce the exhibition; **"THE BRIDGE 2022."**

We are pleased to be hosting the culminating show of this year's Bridge Collective featuring works of photography from eleven rising artists who were part of the Bridge 2022 Collective Program.

The Bridge is a non-profit mentorship program for emerging photographers and various other creatives that are aged 18-26. Along with real-world experiences and engaging workshops the students can seek guidance and inspiration within a community of like-minded yet diverse individuals with their own creative vision to seek or secure. The program is based in New York City and produced in partnership with ASMP New York (American Society of Media Photographers).

This show features collections of photographs by eleven talented photographers who each come to share a personal narrative they have worked towards framing and curating, through their lenses. Exploring subjects such as those of the body, community, love, and identity the exhibition offers an engaging experience to its viewers, allowing them to behold the stories being visually foretold before them.

Over four months, the artists of The Bridge collective have been grinding through questions with regards to communication, creative point of view, and career sustainability. In this process, they have been guided by professionals and educators from across the industry, who have been contributing their expertise, their stories and candid thoughts about the very same issues and questions addressed to the artists.

Concurrently, they've been conceptualizing, critiquing, developing, and completing this new work. They have worked with individualized Mentors, gaining fresh opportunities in the industry and valuable feedback for their projects through their own peers and educators. Now comes the time to Show.

This is, for some, the first of many exhibitions and showcases of work as students become working professionals, artists, and creators. For others it's a stage to share their voice, as it stands today, and to consider this moment as we hurtle to the next. A step on the way to whatever their future may hold.

IN OCTOBER 2021, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VIDA SABBAGHI FOUNDED THE IW GALLERY, INSPIRED BY COPE NYC'S 'AN INCLUSIVE WORLD PROJECT.' IT OPERATES AS A PARTNERSHIP GALLERY WORKING WITH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CREATIVES AROUND THE WORLD.

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Featuring works by:

Ruhamaiah Bradley

Noelle Hatalovsky

Violet Burburan

Gianna Chun

Xia Liu

Kyle Lui

Cesar Cordone

Dulce Marquez

Nafisah Crumity

Eli Edwards

Briana Nazario