

## **Press Release**

### **Cultivate Presents "Michael Pflgebraar: Mid Career Showcase"**

GRAND RAPIDS, MI—September 24, 2023— Cultivate is proud to present the comprehensive "Michael Pflgebraar: Mid Career Showcase," charting the evolution of the Grand Rapids-based artist's body of work over the past four decades. The exhibition is on view from October 27 to December 15, 2023, at the Cultivate gallery located at 620 Wealthy St SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The showcase traverses Pflgebraar's unique blend of botanicals and still lifes with abstract elements, all underpinned by influences from mid-century modern design.

"With a meticulous interplay of form, color, and space, Michael Pflgebraar offers a profound exploration into the essence of life's moments and memories," said Mallory Shotwell, Director of Cultivate. "His work harmoniously combines traditional subjects like botanicals and still lifes with abstract elements, influenced by mid-century modern design. The juxtaposition of these elements reveals a landscape of memory, stories, and emotions that form the fabric of our existence."

#### **Exhibition Highlights:**

A curated selection of 2D and 3D works that encapsulate Pflgebraar's journey and breadth, including his inventive combinations of botanicals and still lifes with abstract influences. Numerous accolades and awards have highlighted Pflgebraar's career, such as the Best Visual Artist by Grand Rapids Magazine's 2022 Readers Poll and The Best of Show awards in various art festivals.

The exhibition will be accompanied by public programming and a full-color exhibition catalog featuring over ninety of his pieces, sharing the breadth and full evolution of the artist's work and practice.

The opening reception is scheduled for October 27, from 5-9 pm, providing an opportunity for attendees to directly engage with Pflgebraar and hear his thoughts on his artistic journey.

## **Public Programming:**

In accompaniment to the exhibition, a range of public programs and an exhibition catalog will be available.

### **Artist Lecture on his work and practice**

Saturday, December 9

2-4pm

Cultivate Gallery, 620 Wealthy St SE

About Michael Pflgebraar:

Michael Pflgebraar, an MFA graduate from Lesley University College of Art and Design, has significantly influenced contemporary art in Grand Rapids. His work is part of permanent collections at the Grand Rapids Art Museum, Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, and more.

For more information, please visit [/www.cultivategrandrapids.org](http://www.cultivategrandrapids.org).