Smack Mellon is pleased to announce the opening of *Art Ready: Selected Work from the Artist Mentorship Program*. The exhibition presents the artwork of students who participated in the 2018-2019 session of Art Ready, Smack Mellon’s arts mentorship program for NYC public high school students interested in pursuing a career in the visual arts. This year, students worked with professional artists who specialize in painting, drawing, sculpture, graphic design, architecture, stop motion, fashion, photography and film. Included in the show will be an impressive range of media such as paper casting, figurative drawing, sculpture, painting, printmaking, collage, photography, graphic novels, animation, bookmaking and magazine branding.
Art Ready engages young people in a way no other arts education program does—by pairing students directly with successful working artists. Mentors provide professional and creative guidance as the students make decisions about their futures in the arts. They tutor the students in their creative process, introduce them to new ways of working, and encourage critical reflection. Museum admission, transportation, mentor time, and snacks are all provided to students free of charge.


This year’s Professional Artist Mentors were Golnar Adili, Claudia Bitran, Michael Paul Britto, Heejung Cho, Beth Dary, Sage and Coombe Architects: Sam Lee and Abdulgader Nasseer, and Phillip Shung.

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