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INTRODUCING FORTUNED TRIALS VISUAL ART EXPERIENCE

The Conceptualization of Chicago Artists Zsófia Ötvös and Lidoska Guietti's Artistic Ingenuity hosted at CSI Project Space & Gallery

July 25, 2024, CHICAGO, Ill. – Fortuned Trials Visual Art Experience is the brainchild of Chicago artists Zsófia Ötvös and Lidoska Guietti. This exhibition represents the artist's trials and positivity in the exploration of their unique artwork. Fortuned Trials will be held August 16 – September 5, 2024 at CSI Project Space and Gallery, 1912 N. Damen Avenue, Chicago, IL 60647 (corner of N. Damen & W. Cortland) in the Bucktown neighborhood. The artists have organized several special events highlighting aspects of their personal journeys. In addition, Guest Artist, Melissa Kolbusz of WIRED jewelry, will be exhibiting her most recent collection.

Zsófia and Lidoska met in 2008 while working in adjacent studios at the famed Flat Iron Arts Building in Wicker Park. The European artists had an instant connection having both relocated to the US from Hungary and Italy, respectively. They share a synergy to their artistic development that comes from their close friendship, existential journey and devotion to art. "When we are in proximity to each other we explore similar elements and style in our work, yet our artwork is very different from one another," says Zsófia Ötvös. "Our art emanates many qualities from our fortunate meeting."

Ötvös will showcase her large-scale multimedia works. Her most prominent art pieces feature powerful drawn figures executed with hard pencils. The needle-sharp points leave precise fine lines of intention and purpose, while the characters are placed on painted abstract settings. Zsófia's art is powered by storytelling expressed through several mediums and formats. Her artistic expression, and manipulation of surfaces fuels the message as much as the imagery does. The artist will also feature several of her original illustrations created for *Tzia Part One*, *The Book of Galatéea*, an epic fairy tale adventure that seamlessly blends imagination and reality.

Guietti's paintings are an ode to the evocation of nature. Her imaginary landscapes descend into the dreamlike, where archetypes and fantasy lead to a world where the improbable becomes possible. Each work stems from a deep personal and cultural dialogue that transforms itself into a rousing, expressive medium. Her art is a journey, in which spirituality manifests itself in all its tranquil strength. She eliminates every trace of excess to give more impact. The artist will exhibit her most recent work in small to large sizes.

Guest Artist Melissa Kolbusz is the founder of WIRED jewelry. She designs handmade, wearable artwork from reclaimed and surplus materials. Marrying aesthetics and environment, Kolbusz salvages components such as rubber, alternator wire, tubing, and craft beer cans. One-of-a-kind and limited edition, these pieces are inspired by industrial wastelands, underwater creatures, and the Chicago music scene. Melissa is a bold proponent of sustainability and solutions through her designs.

Special Events

- Opening Night Reception: Friday, August 16, from 4 – 9 p.m.
- Homage to Heritage and Birthday of Hungary: Tuesday, August 20, from 4 – 8 p.m.
- Tzia Book Signing Weekend: Saturday, Aug 31, 4 – 9 p.m., and on Sunday, September 1, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Closing Reception: Thursday, September 5, from 4 – 9 p.m

Hosted Performances

- *American-Race-Me* a Solo show by Ric Walker: Thursday, August 22 at 7 p.m.
- *Double Bill of Performances with Ric Walker and Kendra Jamaica with Rudy Mendoza*: Monday, August 26, at 6 p.m.

Gallery hours are Saturday and Sunday, 4 – 8 p.m. or by appointment.

About Fortuned Trials Visual Art Experience

Fortuned Trials is a collaboration between Chicago artists Zsófia Ötvös and Lidoska Guietti, with guest artist Melissa Kolbusz of WIRED jewelry. The exhibition runs from August 16 through September 5, 2024. The exhibition will be held at CSI Project Space & Gallery at 1912 N. Damen Avenue, Chicago, IL 60647 in the Bucktown neighborhood. There are several special events scheduled and performances by Ric Walker and Kendra Jamaica with Rudy Mendoza. For more information, visit www.fortunedtrials.com.