**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

 ***Nurture***

 **Curated by Douglas Pierre Baulos**

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**Birmingham, AL** Ground Floor Contemporary and 21st Street Studios are pleased to present

*Nurture*, the 2018 group exhibition featuring current works by resident and member artists.

*Nurture* opens Thursday, March 8, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm, and runs through Sunday, March 25.

 **Thursday, March 8: 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm Opening Reception and Open Studios**

Sunday gallery hours are from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and will include the following events:

 Sunday, March 11: 2:00 pm Artist Talks Ground Floor Gallery

 Sunday, March 18: 2:00 pm Yoga with Emily Rice 2nd Floor Gallery

 Sunday, March 25: 2:00 pm Artist Talks 2nd Floor Gallery

Curated by Douglas Pierre Baulos, *Nurture* examines the idea of nurture versus nature in fine arts. Exhibiting

will be 20 artists and members from the building. Baulos states “In my own artwork I’m particularly interested

in creating objects that are instructive – works that embody a message, learning/or depict inner lives as well

as outer.” Baulos’s drawings, installations, and books have been exhibited/published both nationally and internationally. He is in the collections of numerous museums from The Museum of Modern Art, the J.P. Getty Museum, Los Angeles, CA to I Ching Design, Phnom, Cambodia. He is assistant professor of drawing and bookmaking at The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB).

Additionally, opening March 8th will be the new 21st Street Project Space on the third floor, *Nature Rhythms,*

curated by Tara Stallworth Lee, Maggie King and Susan Vitali. Project Space is an open area in the building

for artists to curate and explore ideas.

Located under one roof, Ground Floor Contemporary and 21st Street Studios are contemporary art galleries

with studios providing exhibition opportunities for its resident and member artists, and committed to promoting

and expanding the visual arts in the greater Birmingham area. Both galleries are open to the public from 1pm

to 4pm on Sundays during exhibitions and by appointment at other times.

**Artists exhibiting in *Nurture*, curated by Douglas Pierre Baulos**

Sara Garden Armstrong

Florence Blair

Catherine Cabaniss

Elizabeth Farr

Catharine Friend

Anita Gómez-Ronderos

Darius Hill

Barbara Hirschowitz

Daisie Hoitsma

Leah Karol

Maggie King

Elaine Kinnaird

Tara Stallworth Lee

Miriam Norris Omura

Charity Ponter

Emily Rice

Rae Trimmier

Susan Vitali

Ashley Wingo

Mary Grace Wolnski