INVITED, SEPT. 28–NOV. 11
PROGRAMMING

Maryland Institute College of Art’s (MICA) inaugural M.F.A. in Curatorial Practice class invites Baltimore to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Station North Arts & Entertainment District by presenting Invited, a two-part exhibition. The series will feature major site-specific artworks in 10 area businesses as well as a party-themed gallery show in MICA’s newly renovated Graduate Studio Center. The work by MICA’s M.F.A. in Curatorial Practice program highlights the College’s active role in community revitalization, ensuring that all businesses and residents in nearby Station North—one of the nation’s first state-endorsed Arts & Entertainment Districts—embrace and are engaged with the unique artistic nature of the district. All Invited programming is free and open to the public.

Curator Tours
Curator tours will take place throughout the run of the exhibition. To sign up for tours, visit invited.eventbrite.com.

Invited: The Anniversary List Reception And Station North Final Friday 10 Year Anniversary Celebration
Friday, Sept. 28, 5–9 p.m.
Rooftop At The Charles Street Parking Garage (Across From Charles Theater), 1714 N. Charles St.
The Invited: The Anniversary List exhibition opening and Station North Final Friday event will feature special guests, including Governor Martin O’Malley and MICA President Fred Lazarus IV. Non-traditional and traditional tours will be led by Graham Coreil-Allen ’10 as part of New Public Sites (see below for more information); New York-based queer feminist art collective Push Pops; and Baltimore Heritage, the city’s nonprofit historic and architectural preservation organization. More information about Final Fridays can be found at stationnorth.org/finalfridays.

Invited: Celebration Station Reception And Graduate Studio Center Open House
Sunday, Oct. 21, 2–4 p.m.
MICA’s Graduate Studio Center: Sheila & Richard Riggs And Leidy Galleries, 131 W. North Ave.
Invited: Celebration Station, the culmination of the two-part series, kicks off the re-opening of the newly renovated Graduate Studio Center. The reception and open house will include performances by participating artist Nobutaka Aozaki, who will continue his Smiley Bag Project by drawing real time portraits on smiley face restaurant carry-out plastic bags. Immediately following the reception, Graham Coreil-Allen ’10 will offer a Station North tour, which will meet at his New Public Sites kiosk, located in front of Studio Center. Coreil-Allen’s tour will highlight the often overlooked and mundane structures of everyday urban living.

Matchmaking Contemporary Relationships: A Panel
Monday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m.
MICA’s Graduate Studio Center: Sheila & Richard Riggs Gallery, 131 W. North Ave.
Artists and curators from Invited: The Anniversary List, which paired 10 artists with 10 Station North businesses, will engage in a panel discussion. After sharing their experiences and answering questions, a “speed dating” networking session will allow guests to meet fellow artists, curators and community members.

New Public Sites: Station North Tour With Graham Coreil-Allen ’10
Saturday, Nov. 3, 3 p.m.
MICA’s Graduate Studio Center, 131 W. North Ave., Meeting At The New Public Sites Kiosk

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Walk with Graham Coreil-Allen ’10 as he investigates “radical pedestrianism”—the practice of traveling by foot while testing the limits of and redefining public space—in everyday spaces, invisible sites and overlooked architecture on North Avenue within Station North Arts & Entertainment District. Coreil-Allen will visit three Invited: The Anniversary List businesses during the tour: C & N Deli Grocery, Pearson’s Florist and Soul II Soul Barbershop & Hair Studio. The tour will last approximately 45 minutes.

SNoscars (Station North Oscars)
Thursday, Nov. 8, 7–10 p.m.
MICA’s Graduate Studio Center Auditorium, 131 W. North Ave.
The M.F.A. in Curatorial Practice students present Station North businesses, residents and organizations with awards to recognize excellence in community service. Awards will be given in a number of categories, including the Tastiest B.L.T., Most Inspiring Organization, Awesome Guy to Know and many more. This one-time-only formal ceremony, at which the awards of merit are presented, wouldn’t be complete without red carpet, paparazzi and special guest hosts. Limited seating will be available. Visit invited.eventbrite.com for more details.

Updates on the exhibition and its programming will become available at mica.edu/invited. For high-resolution images or interview requests, contact the Office of Communications at 410.225.2300.