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Artists of Rubber City
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The BOX Gallery Presents Two Solos featuring Kent State University Affiliates

Akron - The BOX Gallery in downtown Akron is hosting two solo shows from Friday, January 19 - Saturday, February 17, 2018: *In The Dark and The Day* by Emily Duke and *Be Good* by Katelyn Evans. Meet the artists at the opening reception on Fri., January 19 from 5-8 pm at the BOX Gallery.

Emily Duke earned her MFA at the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University in 2016 and BFA from the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, MI in 2009. Her work has been shown nationally in Texas, Georgia, Florida, and other states across the country. Duke has been featured in Hyperallergic, Ceramics Monthly Magazine, THE Magazine, and the Akron Beacon Journal. She is a current faculty member at Kent State University.

The work exhibited in Duke's solo is a reflection on themes of Modern design closely looking to seminal historic objects and events: the Charles and Ray Eames walnut stool series of 1960, Eliel Saarinen's "Room for a Lady" exhibited at the The Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1934, and the archetype of the ever-evolving dressing table throughout the 1900's. Her interest lies in the complicated relationship between modernism and the space of the home. The mixture of these reference points has led Duke to the inclusion of handmade gridded ceramic tiles, light fixtures, fabrics and mirrors to emulate a utopic domestic space.

Katelyn Evans is a multi-disciplinary artist rooted in formal exaggeration—vibrant colors, simplified and abstracted shapes, and patterns— while exploring the everyday and personal interests. Primarily working in screen-printing and collage, the artist seeks inventive ways to push the material beyond fine art practices to create playful and inviting pieces. Evans' work has been exhibited locally as she completes her final semester at Kent State University for a BA in Art Education with a minor in Printmaking.

Be Good emerged from a creative block of sarcastically drawn explorations of symbols and phrases. Evans became lured by these phrases because of their universal, catchall intentions that can apply to many things but relate to people differently. In her creative process, Evans began to pair the phrases with her visual language, and this combination became her entryway into exploring drawing in printmaking. Her featured works including uniquely made monoprints, a temporary wall drawing, and a special silkscreen zine in a

limited edition of 40 showcases her creative process and connects the theme of her work.

The BOX Gallery will also be open on Saturday, February 3 for the Akron Artwalk from 5 - 9 pm in addition to its regular hours. Admission is FREE and open to the public.

About Artists of Rubber City:

In 1978, Artists of Rubber City (AoRC) was founded by a group of University of Akron art students looking for places to display their work and for a way to stay connected. AoRC is a member-based visual arts nonprofit with the mission to advocate for contemporary artists and Ohio art. The group promotes the appreciation and ownership of art created by contemporary artists as one facet of the rich culture to be found in Northeast Ohio.

Members have diverse backgrounds in visual art including painters, photographers, printmakers, fiber artists, ceramicists, media artists, graphic artists, sculptors, and jewelers.

About the BOX Gallery:

The BOX Gallery is an artist-run gallery owned by the Artists of Rubber City. It opened in October 2009 on the third floor of Summit Artspace, 140 E. Market St. in Akron. Gallery exhibition proposals are open to the public and can be acquired at the gallery or at **ArtistsofRubberCity.org**. Accepted artist and curator proposals have the opportunity to be featured in two exhibition spaces: the Big BOX and the small box. As a part of the AoRC mission to promote regional contemporary art and artists, membership is not a requirement for gallery shows or exhibitions.

The BOX Gallery is FREE and open to the public during exhibitions on Friday and Saturday from 12-5 pm, during Friday art openings, and during the Akron Art Walk, the first Saturday of each month from 5 - 9 pm.