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# **Deconstructing Paper**

Antonius-Tín Bui | Azadeh Hussaini | Reisha

**June 21 - August 10**

Reception June 21, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

The Art Center Highland Park will host two paper-themed exhibitions that offer a wide variety of paper-manipulation, featuring artists who utilize paperworks to tell stories, explore identity and social constructs, and reflect immigrant heritages.



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*Deconstructing Paper*, in our Center Gallery, features the diverse talents of Antonius-Tín Bui, Azadeh Hussaini, and Reisha. Antonius-Tín Bui is a Vietnamese-American artist whose multifaceted work explores queer identity and culture. Azadeh Hussaini is an Iranian-American visual artist with works ranging from installation and assemblage to drawing and sculpture—each exploring her emotional responses to her experiences as an immigrant visual artist. Reisha is an artist with a lifelong love affair with the material of paper and traces Black American experiences through collages that reference experiences from her past.

Deconstructing paper is a dance between the delicacy of paper—as seen in Antonius’ cutouts, Azadeh’s surprising constructions revealing paper’s potential to be heavy, along with Reisha’s collage work. Together, the show is a deconstruction of preconceived notions about the material itself and in doing so, offers a collision of culture and an interplay between fragility and strength.

TAC also hosts a call-for-entry group exhibit, titled *PULP*, which features the work of 34 artists from across the U.S., juried by the featured artists from *Deconstructing Paper*. *PULP* will similarly exhibit artwork that explores paper in nontraditional ways. Artist Caren Helene Rudman has curated both exhibitions.. “The exciting part of curating these powerful exhibits is that they are not merely works on paper but show the utility and beauty of paper itself when used as the medium.”

Both exhibits will open with a public reception on Friday, June 21, from 5:30 until 8:00 PM at TAC, 1957 Sheridan Road, Highland Park. All are welcome and many of the artists will be present to meet gallery goers and discuss their work.



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Image: *Lifestream* by Azadeh Hussaini

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