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Four Artists in Residence at Children's Museum of Pittsburgh This Summer

All artists are available for highlighting, interviews and features on their work

PITTSBURGH, PA (July 27, 2022)—Four artists, working in media ranging from fashion tech to kinetic sculpture using climate data, are currently in residence at Children's Museum of Pittsburgh and MuseumLab.

Three of the artists are part of the **Tough Art artist residency**, currently in its fourteenth year at the Children's Museum and its first year in-person after becoming a virtual residency for two years. Tough Artists work collaboratively with Children's Museum of Pittsburgh staff each summer to create an engaging work of art that is tough enough to withstand public interaction, especially that of children. Their pieces go on exhibit in the Museum in the fall. This year's Tough Artists are:



Guarav Patekar - Tough Artist 2022

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Gaurav Patekar is a Boston-based artist who makes kinetic sculptures and interactive installations using climate data to focus on the world's ecological crisis. He has a graduate degree in media art from MIT Media Lab and has studied engineering and design in India.



Max Spitzer - Tough Artist 2022

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Max Spitzer is a sculptor and educator based in Pittsburgh, where he teaches at the Environmental Charter School. His work explores the relationships between art objects and language, and he welcomes all conversations about art. Max received a BFA in sculpture from the Rhode Island School of Design, and a MFA from Carnegie Mellon University.



Sarah Bowling - Tough Artist 2022

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Sarah Bowling is a sculptor and painter from Denver, CO. Her work explores the messiness of human connection, acknowledging strength in the weighted and the weightless, the inhale and the exhale. She received her BFA in fine arts painting and sculpture from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and is pursuing an MFA at Carnegie Mellon University, where she has been awarded a Lea Simonds Fellowship.

The fourth artist in residence is currently working in MuseumLab to create new fashion tech pieces with students from Carnegie Mellon University's Entertainment Technology Center (ETC):



Anouk Wipprecht – Artist/Technologist in Residence

<http://www.anoukwipprecht.nl/>

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Anouk Wipprecht is a Dutch designer who combines fashion and technology to make clothing an interactive experience. Her designs often include sensors and robotics that make them move and react to their environment, mimicking strategies that animals use in the wild. She has partnered with companies such as Intel, Disney and NASA to explore and

transform the future of wearable technology. This past spring, four dresses that Anouk designed – the Spider Dress, Living Pods Dress, Heartbeat Dress and Smoke Dress – went on display as part of the *How You Wear It* exhibit in MuseumLab, the Children's Museum building with exhibits and programs geared towards youth and teens. She is back at MuseumLab this

summer to collaborate with students from Carnegie Mellon University's ETC to prototype some different robotics / electronic projects for future development.

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ABOUT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF PITTSBURGH

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh provides innovative and inclusive museum experiences that inspire kindness, joy, creativity and curiosity for all learners. We forge connections with artists, community partners and neighbors to work on behalf of children, youth and families. Permanent hands-on, interactive exhibit areas include The Studio, Theater, Waterplay, Kindness Gallery, Backyard and MAKESHOP®.

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh is open daily from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$16 for children 2-18 and senior citizens. Children under two are free. The Museum is located on Pittsburgh's historic North Side at 10 Children's Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. For more information, please call (412) 322-5058 or visit the Museum website, www.pittsburghkids.org. Follow us on [Facebook.com/pittsburghkids](https://www.facebook.com/pittsburghkids) / [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/pittsburghkids) and [Twitter @pghkids](https://twitter.com/pghkids)

ABOUT MUSEUMLAB

MuseumLab is the latest addition to Children's Museum of Pittsburgh's campus, opening April 2019 with exhibits and programs geared to youth and teens. Housed in the first library commissioned by Andrew Carnegie, MuseumLab sits adjacent to the Children's Museum and features three exhibit spaces, a metalworking studio, media lab, unique climbing structure built around the former bookshelves and a host of commissioned artwork. Partner organizations that share space in MuseumLab includes Manchester Academic Charter Middle School, Allies for Children, Carnegie Mellon University's Entertainment Technology Center and the University of Pittsburgh School of Education.