



John Christian Anderson: *Dancing In The Bardo*
December 11, 2019 – January 26, 2020

Artist's Reception

Saturday, December 14, 4 – 6PM

First Friday Reception

January 3, 5:30-8:30PM

Artist's Talk

Saturday, January 11, 2PM

Gallery Hours

Wednesday – Sunday, 11AM – 5PM

(Closed December 23 – January 1)

John Christian Anderson's solo exhibition *Dancing In The Bardo* contemplates contemporary themes of dislocation and temporality. Combining found material and fabricated forms, Anderson's recent sculptures utilize hanging, leaning, and stacking to express impermanence and fragility. Cages of welded steel are covered in rice paper, creating a dichotomy between durable and delicate materials. Hands carved from found tree branches allude to the diaspora of humans looking for a safe haven. There are no hierarchies in Anderson's work. Instead, he presents an amalgam of new materials juxtaposed with deteriorating ones to emphasize the ephemeral and transitory nature of life.

Anderson has been featured in museums and galleries throughout the United States. Solo exhibitions include the Robert Freidus Gallery in New York City; Rose Art Museum at Brandeis University; Delaware Center for Contemporary Art, and Boston Sculptors Gallery. Selected group exhibitions include Jonathan Ferrara Gallery in New Orleans; the ICA Boston; and the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum. Anderson's numerous awards include three individual Artist Resource Trust grants and the Boston Museum School 2017 Traveling Scholarship, which allowed him to study counterfeit objects in various countries. He was recently invited by the Fuller Craft Museum to create a sculpture for their exhibition *Human Impact: Stories of the Opioid Epidemic*, on display September 28, 2019 through May 3, 2020.

Dancing In The Bardo runs concurrently with Jeffu Warmouth: *Urgent Blowout*.

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