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Zhaira Costiniano (photo credit: Lukas Costiniano)

### Art League Houston Welcomes New Exhibitions and Curatorial Projects Manager

HOUSTON TX, January 13, 2023 -- Art League Houston (ALH) is thrilled to announce the selection of Zhaira Costiniano (she/her/hers) as the organization's new Exhibitions and Curatorial Projects Manager effective February 6, 2023.

"As ALH approaches its 75th anniversary as a creative hub for artists, we are very excited to welcome Zhaira to the organization," says Jennie Ash (she/her/hers) ALH Executive Director. "I'm confident her passion for community engagement, paired with her talent and experience as a collaborative curator, and arts administrator, will ensure success in our strategic direction to present innovative and ambitious exhibitions and public art projects that support bold new ideas and spur public discourse around important subjects."

"I am honored and humbled to be joining ALH's dynamic team and look forward to building off the organization's commitment to inclusivity, creativity, and service," said Costiniano. "ALH has cultivated a space where artists and community come first, and it's a dream canvas for any curator to work with."

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Costiniano is a Filipino-American arts professional and curator focusing largely on accessibility and diversity in the arts, placemaking through public art, and contemporary arts at the varied intersections of gender, race, and queer theory. She studied art history at the University of North Texas.

Prior to her most recent position as Creative Project Manager and Gallery Director at ArtWorks in Cincinnati, Costiniano has worked with a variety of north Texas organizations including the Dallas Museum of Art, Ro2 Art, and the Contemporary Art Dealers of Dallas.

Her most notable work was completed as the Founder and Director of ARThaus, a grassroots non-profit she started in Denton, Texas. Seeking a more robust and accessible art community during her last year of university, she founded a space for creatives and art enthusiasts to connect, collaborate, and gain valuable experience.

Through the work at ARThaus, Costiniano and her team were able to cultivate a flourishing sense of community by facilitating solo and group exhibitions, artist residencies, workshops, classes, multiple editions of a community zine, and open critique sessions all at no cost to the participants.

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