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## **ALBERTINA KERR'S PROJECT GROW TO HOST EXHIBITION FOR PORTLAND BIENNIAL**

PORTLAND, Ore. (June 23, 2016) – Albertina Kerr’s Project Grow has been selected as one of the exhibition sites for this year’s Portland Biennial. Project Grow is one of 25 partner venues around the state hosting exhibitions as part of the event, curated by Michelle Grabner and presented by Disjecta Contemporary Art Center.

Project Grow will be showcasing the work of Oregon artist Colin Pickhardt Kippen. Project Grow Artists Ricky Bearghost and Lawrence Oliver, chosen by Grabner after several studio visits, will have work features in *Salon: Portland2016, The Studio Visits*, a salon-style exhibition at Disjecta Contemporary Art Center. Project Grow’s participation establishes the Biennial program and artists as strong, relevant voices in our region’s contemporary Art community.

Project Grow is a program of Albertina Kerr’s Port City, an activity and recreation program that provides career and social support for adults with developmental disabilities from Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties in Oregon. Project Grow provides a space for artists with developmental disabilities to explore personal expression through an array of artistic mediums, as well as gain skill and experience working on a chemical-free farm with an emphasis on sustainability. Project Grow is a space where creativity is fostered and supported, and where no limits are placed on the projects artists choose to undertake.

“Project Grow aims to create a shared art experience by connecting individuals with artists in the community,” said Carissa Burkett, Albertina Kerr Program Manager. “We are honored to showcase the art of talented local artists and have our artists’ work on exhibition for the community to see.”

Opening reception will be held at Project Grow on Saturday, July 9 from Noon to 3 p.m. and at Disjecta Contemporary Art Center from 6 to 10 p.m. Exhibitions run until September 18, 2016. To learn more visit [www.portlandbiennial.org](http://www.portlandbiennial.org) or contact Steve Zeiden at 503.408.4721 or SteveZ@AlbertinaKerr.org

### **About Michelle Grabner**

Incorporating writing, curating and teaching with a studio practice grounded in process and productivity, Grabner has created a multi-faceted and dynamic career. She is founder and co-director, along with her husband Brad Killiam, of three artist spaces that embody new models for facilitating and presenting artists’ projects.

### **About Albertina Kerr**

Since 1907, Albertina Kerr has strengthened Oregon families and communities. Today, we provide programs and services to children and adults with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges, empowering them to live richer lives. For more information about Albertina Kerr, call 503.239.8101 or visit [www.albertinakerr.org](http://www.albertinakerr.org)

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