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**Can't Hold Me Down – Art Exhibit Inspired by Cystic Fibrosis Will Close with
Artist Lecture**

Join us at The New Gallery for a special artist talk as artist Dylan Mortimer speaks in detail about his art, diving into his personal journey with Cystic Fibrosis, and sharing some of the things he has learned through it all.

Little Rock, AR - The New Gallery is pleased to announce that award winning artist Dylan Mortimer will be giving an artist talk about his solo exhibit "Can't Hold Me Down" on Saturday July 27 from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. The exhibit, currently on display at The New Gallery, will close after the conclusion of Mortimer's artist talk.

Mortimer, currently based in New York, is a mixed media artist working to bring awareness and support to those who suffer from Cystic Fibrosis. Mortimer was born with Cystic Fibrosis, a respiratory disease for which he has received two double lung transplants, both before the age of 40.

The lung transplants that he has received have not only changed his life but are also a source of inspiration for his art. Mortimer uses his art as a tool to help work through the daily struggles that come with Cystic Fibrosis. He incorporates the themes of his life – pain, healing, and hope – into his art, which often includes anatomical images such as lungs, cells, bronchial trees, and scars, which are all covered in a hefty layer of glitter.

Mortimer uses glitter as a material in his works in an attempt to transform situations, or to beautify the ugliness involved with Cystic Fibrosis.

There is no cost to attend the artist talk and there is free parking available on the street. The New Gallery encourages anyone who is able to attend, including those interested in art, people in the medical community, and also those who have been affected by cystic fibrosis.

About Dylan Mortimer:

Dylan Mortimer graduated with a BFA from Kansas City Art Institute and an MFA from the School of Visual Arts in New York. He has created public art installations in several major cities including New York, Chicago, Baltimore, Kansas City, MO and Denver, CO. His exhibition history includes shows at Columbia University, The Longwood Arts Gallery in the Bronx, the Dumbo Arts Center, PS 122 Gallery in

New York, the Kansas City Jewish Museum, the Nerman Museum in Overland Park, KS, and Haw Contemporary in Kansas City, MO. He has been featured in The New York Times, The New York Post, The Chicago Sun, The Baltimore Sun, NPR, The Christian Science Monitor, The Kansas City Star, The Daily Mail, Sculpture Magazine, Public Art Review, and several other international publications.

About The New Gallery:

The New Gallery is a contemporary art gallery featuring art made by emerging and mid-career artists. Located in SoMa, The New Gallery shows new art exhibits every month and is open on Saturdays from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The gallery is owned and operated by David and Teresa Carlisle. David and Teresa are both Master of Fine Arts graduates from the University of Delaware with a combined 20+ years of experience in the art field.

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