

**Richmond, VA** -artspace is pleased to present radius250 2017. The exhibition opens on Friday, May 26nd, with a juror's talk and awards at 7:30 p.m., followed by a reception from 7-10p.m. The reception is free and open to the public. The Luckies will perform before and after the talk and awards.

Selected works have been juried by **Francis Thompson**, Art Program Project Manager, JLL. Over the past decade, Francis has managed a team responsible for maintaining and expanding a contemporary corporate art collection installed within office buildings throughout North America. During the early part of his role with the collection, he lead the curatorial development of its rotating exhibition program which has grown to between seventy and eighty shows a year. On display within the corporate offices, these exhibitions brought in artwork from non-profit art organizations, local museums, university art departments, and corporate employees.

Francis has worked as Assistant Gallery Director for the Ellipse Art Center in Arlington, VA, assistant coordinator for the Mountain Lake Workshops with director/producer Ray Kass, and as Gallery Coordinator for the Virginia Tech Armory Gallery. A native of Virginia, he holds a Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art with concentration in painting and drawing from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, VA.

Radius250 2017 is the seventh installment of artspace's signature exhibition of creative works from artists based within 250 miles of Richmond, VA. The exhibit highlights a rich array of works representing the creative talent of the Mid-Atlantic region. Selected works this year include painting, drawing, sculpture, video and installation pieces. Six hundred and thirty-one works (631) were submitted by one hundred and seventy-nine (179) artists, and of those, ninety-six (96) works from eighty-seven (87) artists have been selected. The exhibition will be in all galleries of artspace, including the Main, Helena Davis, Frable, Suzanne Foley and smallspace Galleries. Prizes will be awarded by the juror including a solo exhibition in our Helena Davis Gallery for Best in Show. Visit the radius250 website for selected artists and images: [www.artspacegallery.org/radius250](http://www.artspacegallery.org/radius250)

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 12-4p.m. The gallery is also open by appointment. For additional information, please contact the gallery administrator at [artspaceorg@gmail.com](mailto:artspaceorg@gmail.com), or phone the gallery at (804) 232-6464. The gallery is located at Zero East 4th Street in Richmond, Virginia 23224, and online at [www.artspacegallery.org](http://www.artspacegallery.org)