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Gallery 924 Presents Emily Stergar's *Stack: A Layering of Elements*

INDIANAPOLIS—This March, Gallery 924 is pleased to present Emily Stergar's *Stack: A Layering of Elements*. In her Gallery 924 exhibition, each individual sculpture will incorporate materials natural to our environment, such as wood or stone, as well as those fabricated by man, like Styrofoam and concrete. Each part is stacked or layered upon the next utilizing gravity alone. *Stergar's* exhibition opens March 3 from 6 - 9 pm during the IDADA First Friday Art Tour.

Emily Stergar draws attention to change in our shared landscape. Her work alters the land beyond its original state, exploring our need to transform it and question what can and should exist. The stacks of each sculpture are an organization of disparate materials and objects turned into an understandable and orderly pile. The sculptural piles reference the layering of earth's crust, as well as the materials obtained from it, whether found, natural, or man-made. These materials are the elements palpably seen and unseen in the spaces of earth we occupy. Stergar sees the physical and conceptual balancing of these components as a way to create a sense of grounding for her and the viewer.

"Stergar's work is especially relevant in these uncertain times when changes in the natural environment can create fear and apprehension about the future. The stability and grounded nature of the work presents a calming force. The sculpture works with the gallery space to create a cohesive environment playing off the natural elements such as the wood beams and brick walls," said Shannon M Linker, Vice President of the Arts Council and Director of Gallery 924.

Sterger is a Visiting Assistant Professor at Herron School of Art and Design. She received her BFA in Sculpture at Herron School of Art and Design, and MFA in Sculpture from Arizona State University, Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts.

WHAT: Emily Stergar's *Stack: A Layering of Elements*

WHEN: March 3 - March 31, 2017

OPENING RECEPTION: Friday, March 3, 6 - 9 pm

WHERE: Gallery 924 at the Arts Council

Gallery 924 Hours: Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm, Thursday 9 am - 6 pm

About Gallery 924 at the Arts Council

Gallery 924 at the Arts Council of Indianapolis provides a mixture of programming that highlights central Indiana contemporary artists in curated solo and group exhibitions. Gallery 924 is a member of IDADA and holds opening receptions during the IDADA First Friday Art Tour from 6 - 9 pm. Free parking and bike racks are located in the lot south of the building. Additional parking is available across the street at the Lucille Raines Residence. Gallery 924 is adjacent to the Cultural Trail and conveniently located on IndyGo route 19.

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