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## Dimensional Printmaking with Basma Kavanagh

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, Nova Scotia (December 10, 2025) – ARTSPLACE Gallery is pleased to welcome our next Member in Residence, Basma Kavanagh, who will spend four weeks developing a new body of large stitched, folded, and collaged works in paper. Drawing on her extensive background in printmaking, Kavanagh will experiment with relief prints as building blocks for sculptural installations created within the studio space and the Library Gallery.

During the residency, Kavanagh begin to develop a new series called “طلاسم / Talismans” and create new hand-printed works using linocut, stencils, and brayers, as well as printed elements produced at the nearby Elephant Grass Printmakers’ studio. These elements will be combined with materials developed over the past year, forming layered hanging works, with translucent or perforated surfaces that respond to light and air movement, allowing the work to interact with its environment.

“This residency offers Kavanagh the space to test the scale and dimensional possibilities of her modular prints, while also inviting unexpected outcomes through active experimentation. Select works in progress will be presented in the Library Gallery from February 7 to 14, where visitors can observe pieces that may continue to evolve throughout the display period,” said Sophie Paskins, Gallery Director.

“Public engagement is an important part of this residency. I will host open studio hours and share my process through informal conversations and a public talk during the Library exhibition,” adds Kavanagh.

Kavanagh is a Lebanese Canadian multidisciplinary artist whose practice includes writing, printmaking, textiles, performance, and artist books. She has exhibited and performed across Canada and in the United States and has held residencies at Penland School of Craft, the Banff Centre and the Minnesota Center for Book Arts. She recently completed an MFA in Creative Nonfiction at the University of King’s College, Halifax.

*Member-in-Residence, Basma Kavanagh. Residency January 17 to February 14. Exhibition Library Gallery February 7-14. Closing reception, Sat. February 14, 2026, 12-2 p.m. Light refreshments served, all welcome.*

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ARTSPLACE Gallery is located at 396 St. George Street in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia

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