



## community school of music and arts

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## Community School of Music and Arts Presents *Strength: Drawings & Paintings*

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA – The Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) in Mountain View presents *Strength: Drawings & Paintings* by artist Asami Akinaga. The exhibition will be on display in CSMA's Mohr Gallery from July 13 through August 26. There will be a reception with the artist on Friday, July 13 from 6-8pm.

*Strength* is an exploration of cultural and feminine identity as a first-generation Japanese immigrant. Akinaga's work features detailed pencil portraits, intricate block prints and rich oil paintings that honor both the strong women in her life and her Japanese heritage. Many of the pieces depict women wearing the traditional kimono in a modernized setting, providing intimate portraits that aim to break down common stereotypes and generalizations.

Asami Akinaga has a BFA in Illustration from San Jose State University. She works primarily in oil, graphite, charcoal, and block printing. She has been teaching drawing and painting classes for teens and adults at CSMA for over four years.

For more information about this exhibition, visit [www.arts4all.org](http://www.arts4all.org). For artist interviews and additional images, contact Sharon Kenney, Director of Marketing & Communications, at 650-917-6800, ext 305 or [skenney@arts4all.org](mailto:skenney@arts4all.org).

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### EVENT CALENDAR INFORMATION:

- WHAT:** *Strength: Drawings & Paintings*, by Asami Akinaga
- WHERE:** Mohr Gallery, Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA)  
Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View, CA
- WHEN:** July 13 through August 26, 2018  
Artist Reception: Friday, July 13, 6-8pm
- COST:** Exhibition and reception are free and open to the public.
- INFO:** [www.arts4all.org](http://www.arts4all.org); 650-917-6800, ext 305

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