

## **ARTNEWS IN BRIEF: CONTEMPORARY AUSTIN ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR, MARFA INVITATIONAL NAMES 2020 EXHIBITORS AND MORE FROM FEBRUARY 21, 2020**

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*Ballroom Marfa Names Executive Director, Partnership with Ruby City*

The West Texas nonprofit exhibition space Ballroom Marfa has named Laura Creed as the organization's new executive director. Creed, who starts in her new post in April, has been the development director for LAXART in Los Angeles since 2017, and has previously been an independent development consultant and worked at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles. In a statement, Creed said, "Ballroom has a unique identity that allows it a certain freedom and agility—which is essential at a time when cultural institutions are being questioned and reconsidered." The organization also announced that it will partner with another Texas organization, Ruby City in San Antonio. For the collaboration, Ruby City will include *Book of Sound (SHAPESHIFT ONE)*, a work by artist and composer Rob Mazurek with Damon Locks and Lisa E. Harris that was commissioned by Ballroom Marfa, at its annual Music in the Park program on April 30. —*Maximiliano Durón*