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The School of Art at Ball State University declares unequivocally that

BLACK LIVES MATTER

and stands in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and the numerous peaceful protests happening across the country in the wake of the death of George Floyd. We know the arts play a powerful role in educating and inspiring communities and we commit ourselves to using this power to actively fight racial injustice in all its forms.

We are witnessing a long overdue cultural reckoning in which bigotry and white supremacy will no longer be tolerated. We pledge as faculty to not remain neutral in the face of discrimination. We will turn inward to examine our own cultural biases and confront them head-on. We will interrogate unjust, historically entrenched practices within our own department and respect the voices of people of color and other marginalized perspectives. We will make time for meaningful action against these issues that threaten our collective humanity.

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Rest in Power: