

# Art 50 2023: Chicago's Artists' Artists

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## **Robert Burnier**

Appearing in panels and exhibitions across the country, rising gallery darling Robert Burnier is a prominent figure among the small coterie of Black abstract artists in Chicago. His folded sculptures show the beauty and complexity of simplicity. The origami-like pieces at first look like multicolored folded construction paper. The acrylic-painted aluminum sculptures are thoughtfully assembled, each individual fold and crease is a deliberate stylistic choice by the artist. With multiple exhibitions both national and international in the coming year, he'll continue to explore the possibilities of abstract art. (Jen Torwudzo-Stroh)





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