

HIGH LINE OPEN STUDIOS CHELSEA 2021

The Armory Show Edition

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Visit THE RESILIENT Artists' studios to see pandemic-made artworks during THE HIGH LINE OPEN STUDIOS OPEN STUDIOS EVENT on September 11-12, 2021 during Armory Week.



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(New York, NY) The High Line Open Studios presents its 11th Annual Artists' Open Studios to kick-off the fall New York art season just a few blocks from the Armory Show at the Javits Center. On Saturday, September 11th and Sunday, September 12th, the RESILIENT artists of West Chelsea will re-open their studios to the public for a free, self-guided art tour from 12 to 6 p.m. each day.

After an especially difficult year for all artists during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the High Line Open Studios seeks to remind the public that our West Chelsea-based artists are: *Still* here. *Still* creating. As visitors walk from artist studio to studio, they will witness a changed neighborhood of numerous gallery (and studio) closures or relocations due to the financial hardships many have experienced during this global pandemic. Although we typically do not rally behind an event theme, this year we felt compelled to focus on the tenacity and resilience of the foundation of the artworld — the artist. As an artist organized event, we wanted to share a joint statement from our participants:

Like many artists in this city, we felt Resilient was an apt description of our current state. We've done our best to keep pushing forward and continued to do the only thing that was within our control — we kept creating. For us, it was the act of art-making that helped us cope during these chaotic times.

Many of the works that will be on view in our studios were made during the pandemic. All represent the breadth of art that perhaps commented on, were inspired by, reacted against, or, were created in spite of these unprecedented times. We invite you, the public, to experience each piece that helped us persevere, and provided direction in moments of uncertainty. We welcome the community of New York City as both our audience and as our critical support structure to visit our historic neighborhood during this historic moment.

The High Line Open Studios provides a rare opportunity for the community and tourists to meet our local contemporary artists who keep this historic art neighborhood vibrant. Over seventy artists will be on-hand to show their most recent artworks and discuss their artistic practice. Artworks will be available in a wide range of media including — but not limited to— painting, sculpture, photography, mixed-media, textiles, prints, collage, street art, and much more! While typically only accessible by appointment, visitors will be granted access “behind the scenes” to explore each artist’s creative space. The intimate setting gives collectors the rare opportunity to purchase artworks directly from the artists’ inventory without the gallery markup. It’s also a fantastic way to discover new emerging talent while their work is still affordable.

The two-day event attracts art enthusiasts, collectors, curators, artists, and tourists to the neighborhood making it a community-wide celebration. This year we’ve expanded to thirteen locations near the High Line Park and West Chelsea gallery district. Self-Guided Tour Maps will be available to pick-up in the lobby of 526 West 26th Street or downloadable from our website. And now with the Armory Show at the Javits Center — just a few short blocks away — we anticipate a fantastic turnout for our highly anticipated, art-filled weekend event!

The High Line Open Studios provides participating artists with an opportunity to open their studios, re-engage with the public, and — together—showcase our art community’s collective resilience through even the worst of times.

2021 Participating Artists & Art Organizations:

Dayana Beisenova | Katherine Blackburne | Joan Blair | Suzanne Bond | Sadie Bridger | Richard Buchanan | Julia Chen | Tom Cocotos | Ryan Davis | Daniel Dawson | Veleria Deminova | Marian Doherty | Angela Errico | Ailene Fields | Group Gallery | First Street Gallery | Six Summit Gallery | Spirit del Art Gallery | Amparo Garzon | Caroline Gates | Trine Giaever | Paul Michael Graves | Timon YC I | Yumiko Hirokawa | The Leo House | Jennifer Joanou | Steven Anthony Johnson II | Wilson Hand Kidde | Irina Lakshin | Alicia Lang | Eunhyung Lee | Peter Leeds | Thomas Legaspi | Charlotte Lichtblau | Stella Lillig | Frances Maravelea | Margaret McCann | Ava McNamee | Cat Merrick | Gina Miccinilli | Irene Mimiye | Scotto Mycklebust | International Print Center NY | Paul Ott | Alexandra Pacula | Mark Paczkowski | Marc Potocsky | Silvestre Preciado | David Krut Projects, New York | Lucy Rahner | Frank Rivera | Cid Roberts | John Rohlfing | Monika Rosen | Barbara Rosenthal | Studio Toni Ross | Marianne Perry Salas | Veronique San Leandro | Damian Santucci | Susan Schwalb | Jordan Seiler | Rohini Sen | Gabriel J. Shuldiner | William Stuart | Kerry R. Thompson | Kati Vilim | Caroline Villard | Nancy Witcher | Jim Xu | Wayne Young |

About:

Spearheaded by a handful of artists working in West Chelsea, The High Line Open Studios evolved out of an annual grassroots movement in the early 2000s. By 2007, a group of four artists formalized the event under its current name, the High Line Open Studio. The collective's objective is to support the careers of West Chelsea artists by organizing open studio events that are free to the public, and that draw visibility to their historic art neighborhood.

The High Line Open Studios is organized and presented by West Chelsea artist, Scotto Mycklebust, artist/executive producer and the Public Art Squad Project.

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