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AUGUST NEWS



TRANSFORMATION 10: CONTEMPORARY WORKS IN FOUND MATERIALS

THE ELIZABETH R. RAPHAEL
FOUNDER'S PRIZE EXHIBITION

9.14.2018 - 3.23.2019



Dear Stephanie,

We are excited to open the biennial [Elizabeth R. Raphael Founder's Prize Exhibition - Transformation 10: Contemporary Works in Found Materials](#) in September! The show will feature innovative contemporary works by 26 Raphael Founder's Prize finalists from the U.S and abroad; the artworks incorporated found materials in unexpected ways to share personal and global narratives, expressions, and aesthetics.

From [Melissa Cameron's](#) installation of wearable jewelry, *1.1.2017*, which catalogues one day of gun violence - 62 fatal gun incidents reported on January 1, 2017 in the U.S. to [Michelle Stitzlein's](#) *Horizontal Fringe*, which explores the beauty of one-of-a-kind textiles through the utilization and manipulation of mass-produced water hoses, *Transformation 10* will challenge your understanding of "craft" and the notion of found materials.

We warmly invite you to join us for the *Transformation 10* opening celebrations:

- Friday, September 14, 5:30 - 8 PM
 - [Free, public opening reception](#) and the announcement of the 2017 Raphael Founder's Prize Winner, Honorable Mention, and Award of Merit recipients.
- Saturday, September 15
 - 12 - 2 PM
 - [Dialogue with Artists](#) offers visitors the opportunity to chat informally with exhibiting artists about their work and creative processes
 - A performance by exhibiting artist [Fumi Amano](#). As a Japanese woman living in the United States, Fumi often struggles with miscommunication and prejudice to Asian women. Her sculptures and performance art pieces express the feeling she cannot explain in words.
 - 2 - 3 PM
 - The Winner of the Raphael Founder's Prize will present an artist talk to share her creative process and the stories behind her artistic expression.

Transformation 10: Contemporary Works in Found Materials and the Elizabeth R. Raphael Founder's Prize are made possible by Alexandra and Catherine Raphael, The Fine Foundation, the Allegheny Regional Asset District, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, the Elizabeth R. Raphael Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation, and [Cohen & Grigsby](#). Media sponsored by [NextPittsburgh](#).



IN THE STORE



For more than 10 years, The Store has presented the artwork of emerging contemporary craft artists and shared their vision to a wider audience in Pittsburgh through the Lydon Emerging Artist Program (LEAP).

The 2018 LEAP Award winner, [Hosanna Rubio](#), explores themes inspired by her personal experiences through her wearable jewelry and small-scale sculptures. Her experiences might not be universal, but her work serves as a platform to explore the recreation of identity and sharing the idea that sometimes moments of pain can offer opportunity for beauty and transformation.

The 2019 LEAP Award's [Call for Artists](#) will be open on October 1, 2018. Share this opportunity with a craft artist friend and get ready to apply!



COMING UP IN THE STUDIO



FROM FLAT TO FUNCTIONAL: TEXTURED SLAB-BUILT POTTERY

with [Jen Allen](#)

[Saturday, September 1 | 10 AM - 5 PM](#)

[Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced Level](#)

Want to spice up your pottery surfaces? You can create beautifully textured ceramic wares with visiting artist Jen Allen! Transform a slab of clay into functional wares and create texture tools to add surface designs.

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INTRO TO RELIEF CARVING

with [Dave Betler](#)

[Saturday, September 8 | 10 AM - 5 PM](#)

[Beginner/Intermediate Level](#)

Design and create a unique wooden dish while exploring the possibilities of wood relief carving. You will learn about how to select the right pattern for your wood, as well as considerations for layout, perspective, and composition.

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RISE UP! 3D FIBER TECHNIQUES

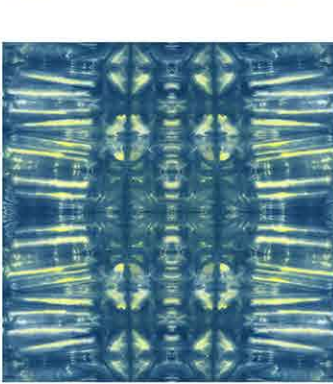
with [Jim Arendt](#)

[Saturday, September 22 | 10 AM - 5 PM](#)

[Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced Level](#)

Tired of 2D fiber projects? Learn new techniques and add dimension to your fiber artwork through this master workshop led by visiting artist [Jim Arendt](#)! Jim's work *Adrian: Lies*, will be on view in [Transformation 10](#), opening on September 14.

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HAND DESIGN TO DIGITAL

with [Amber Coppings](#)

[2 Saturdays, September 29 & October 6 | 10 AM - 4 PM](#)

[Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced Level](#)

Curious about shibori dyeing and how to create digital pattern designs? You will hand dye shibori samplers based on simple sketches, then use them to create digital patterns that can be used on print-on-demand websites!

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Scholarships may be available for our workshops. For more information, please contact us at 412.261.7003 or thestudio@contemporarycraft.org.

The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) is repairing and replacing water and sewer pipes on Smallman Street between 16th and 21st Streets until January 2019, but the traffic has been smooth around Contemporary Craft. **Parking information** is available on our website. **We are open during PWSA's construction period.**

For questions related to our [accessible accommodations](#), please contact us at 412-261-7003 or info@contemporarycraft.org. Thank you in advance for your patience.



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