



THE DELAWARE
CONTEMPORARY

Annual Report 2020-2021

PROGRAMMING

August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2021

The Delaware Contemporary (TDC) supports the accessibility of contemporary art through interpretive experiences and programs that provide meaningful pathways for our visitors to connect with exhibitions. Public programs include performances, artist talks, workshops, and hands-on opportunities for visitors to make connections between contemporary art and their lived experience.

TDC's family, school, youth, and teen programs engage multi-generational learners in arts experiences that encourage respectful dialogue, and interdisciplinary connections that support 21st century learning. We believe the artists of today are critical in establishing connections between students, society, the arts, and core studies in an increasingly complex world. Throughout the 2020-2021 academic year, TDC continued to engage virtually with students in order to provide a safe and supportive environment for arts integrated learning and personal expression.

Through unique collaborations with local organizations and community partners, we provide pathways for our visitors to engage with contemporary art and relevant local issues and events as we support the creative community of Wilmington.

First Friday Events

September: Featured exhibitions: *STEPPING OUT TO STEP IN* and *SIMPLE SHAPES: PATTERNS AND PIECES*. Additional features: Poetry Performance by Jasmine Combs and Gallery Talk with artist Theresa Chromati, Tiffany E. Barber, and exhibition curator Kristen Hileman.

October: Featured exhibition: *WE THE PEOPLE, FOR SHOW OR FOR SURE*. Additional features: Voter Education Presentation from the League of Women Voters, New Castle County and Panel Discussion with artist Chawky Frenn, Mel Hardy of the Millennium Arts Salon, and Traci Manza-Murphy of the Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence

November: Featured exhibition: *RIVERFRONT 20/20*. Additional feature: Gallery Talk with exhibiting artists and Curator-in-Residence, Kristen Hileman

December: Featured exhibitions: *FARTHEST FROM THE ORDINARY*, *INTANGIBLE ECONOMIES OF DESIRE*, and *OBSERVE*. Additional feature: Annual Holiday Craft Show.

February: Featured exhibitions: *VESSEL INVITATIONAL: REVISIONING THE RECEPTACLE* and *BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE*. Additional features: Vessel vignettes by Wilmington Ballet and live ceramic demonstrations.

March: Featured exhibitions: *APPEARANCES* and *PLANAR ASSEMBLAGE*. Additional features: Artist talk with Lauren E. Peters and students from 4Youth Productions.

April: Featured exhibitions: *ROUND ABOUT* and *THE KABUKI SERIES*. Additional feature: Jazz improvisations inspired by exhibition artwork.

May: Featured exhibitions: *ADVANCED GEOCHROMATIC STUDIES*, *DEFINITIVE WORK*, *ELSEWHERE*, *LYNN HERRICK SHARP AWARD*, and *ON THE ROAD*. Additional feature: Spoken Word Performance by Jasmine L. Combs

June: Featured exhibitions: *FAMILY HISTORY*, *THE AMERICANS*, *UNAPOLOGETIC CONVERSATIONS OF HAIR & NONCONFORMITY* and *GIVE ME MY FLOWERS*. Additional features: Installation performance by Liz Miller and reveal of the Discover Space mural by artist 7God.



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Workshops

100 Million Gallons Printmaking Workshop
Tandem Clay Ceramics Workshop
Body of Art Figure Drawing
Paint a Pair Virtual Paint Night
Vessels: The Body and the Book Workshop
Scratch the Surface Clay Workshop Series

ON ART: Conversations with the Artists

The virtual presentation of these informal talks with artists provide audiences with anecdotes and insight that provide meaningful context for exhibitions at The Delaware Contemporary.

Artist Professional Development

Art Fitness, Presentation Workout
Art Fitness, Business Workout
Curatorial Portfolio Review

Public Programs

Brunch with Artist Chawky Frenn
West Street Family Art Festival
Do-Good-A-Thon - community service party
DiAE Arts Integration Spotlight
JR Martinez - author talk and book signing with the Wilmington Public Library
Brandywine Zoo Sip n' Stroll
Give Me My Flowers Panel Discussion

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

School Programs and Resources

CAC (Creative Arts Club): Building a Creative Future: Freire
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Project C, online learner space
In collaboration with the Delaware Historical Society, TDC created 'The Art of Storytelling', an arts integrated learning packet connecting Project C with local history and artifacts.

Summer Camps/Workshops

LACC (Latin American Community Center)
YMCA Summer Camps
The Choir School of Delaware Summer Camp
Las Americas ASPIRA Academy Summer Camp
Cityfest Artswork Summer Camp tour and workshop
Urban Bike Project bike rack installation and workshop
The Cottages tour and workshop
Freire Public Charter School Summer Camp
DCAD Pre-college student visits

Collaborations and Community Building

DCAD (Delaware College of Art and Design):
In a responsive collaboration, first-year students from DCAD created works of art across a variety of mediums in response to the original poetry of spoken word artist Jasmine L. Combs exploring the theme of "object" and "objectification".
Boysie Lowery Living Jazz Residency:
The "Boysie" Lowery Living Jazz Residency is a two-week artist residency coordinated by Wilmington Cityfest and created to provide space to grow the next generation of jazz artists who are both composers and performers.