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1708 Gallery Presents the Second Annual InLight Richmond

Save the Date: September 25-27, 2009



Organized by 1708 Gallery, InLight Richmond 2009, the second annual exhibition of contemporary public art inspired by light, will take place the weekend of September 25-27, 2009 from dusk until midnight. Downtown Richmond will once again be transformed by visual and performance art presented in various public spaces – including sidewalks and walls, storefronts and buildings – along East Broad and East Grace Street and 5th and 8th Street.

More than 5,000 people attended the inaugural event in 2008 as photography, video, sculpture, performance art and music filled the streets of Richmond. This year, after receiving numerous proposals, an elite group of 26 artists from throughout the United States, Canada and Germany have been selected to participate by guest juror Adelina Vlas, Assistant Curator of Contemporary and Modern Art at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Adelina Vlas has an M.A. degree in Art History and a Curatorial Diploma in Visual Culture from York University in Canada, as well as an M.A. in Curating Contemporary Art from the Royal College of Art in London. Previously, Adelina has worked at the National Gallery of Canada. The list of participating artists will be revealed later this month.

To gear up for InLight Richmond 2009, stay tuned for updates on various events and contests, including a series of creative Lantern workshops in August and early September as well as a Lantern parade that will kick off the festivities. The popular Wearable InLight contest and fashion show will also be in full effect this year. Highlights will also include the presentation of the Best in Show, Best in Green and People's Choice awards honoring participating artists.

1708 Gallery is seeking volunteers to help with a variety of tasks related to the event. Please contact us at 804-643-1708 or by email at tbeylotte@1708gallery.org for more information.

InLight Richmond is organized by 1708 Gallery, a non-profit arts organization committed to presenting contemporary art that questions, challenges and redefines the established aesthetic boundaries. One of the oldest artist-run non-profit arts organizations in the country, 1708 Gallery offers the public an opportunity to investigate and discover the most recent and innovative developments in contemporary art.

For more information on InLight Richmond 2009, please visit www.1708gallery.org.

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