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## 1708 Gallery receives NEA grant to support InLight Richmond

*Grant one of 832 Art Works grants totaling \$23.3 million in funding nationwide*



Richmond, VA— National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Chairman Rocco Landesman announced on November 27, 2012 that 1708 Gallery is one of 832 non-profit organizations nationwide to receive an NEA Art Works grant. 1708 Gallery is recommended for a \$20,000 grant to support InLight Richmond 2013, a juried exhibition of light-based art.

InLight 2013 will include video projections, interactive environments, multi-media projects, light installations, the Community Lantern Parade, and a curatorial program in which a group of artists will be commissioned by a curator to produce projects that respond directly to the site. Facades, walls, storefronts, doorways, parking lots, alleyways, and the natural environment in the selected location will serve as installation sites.



“I’m proud to announce these 832 grants to the American public including 1708 Gallery’s InLight Richmond,” said Chairman Landesman. “These projects offer extraordinary examples of creativity in our country, including the creation of new work, innovative ways of engaging audiences, and exemplary education programs.”



“InLight is a labor of love for 1708 Gallery and reflects a tremendous collaboration between the many talented artists, the property owners, and city officials, just to name a few of the many partners. There is nothing more validating than witnessing joy and excitement play across the faces of the audience as they experience the artworks of InLight,” comments Emily Smith, Executive Director of 1708 Gallery. “Having just completed the 5th annual InLight, we are proud of the past successes, and are excited about the possibilities for the future.”



**IMAGE CREDITS:** page 1: Jason Peters, *Meandering Dynamics*, photo by Jami Carlton; Tannaz Farsi, *Crowd Control*, photo by Jami Carlton; Nelly Kate and Dave Watkins, *Interstitial Transduction*, photo by Terry Brown; page 2: Philip Stearns, *Aura(l) Study No. 1*, photo by Jami Carlton; Elaine Buckholtz and Floor van der Velde, *Score for Diamond Wall*, photo by Terry Brown; All images taken at 1708 Gallery's InLight Richmond 2012 exhibition.

Smith added, "In recent years, 1708 has been thrilled to receive grants from national and international organizations like The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, the Foundation for Contemporary Art, and the Danish Arts Council, which is supporting 1708's current exhibition. 1708 is incredibly honored to add the NEA to its list of supporters."

In March 2012, the NEA received 1,509 eligible applications for Art Works requesting more than \$74 million in funding. The 832 recommended NEA grants total \$22.3 million, span 13 artistic disciplines and fields, and focus primarily on the creation of work and presentation of both new and existing works for the benefit of American audiences. Applications were reviewed by panels of outside experts convened by NEA staff and each project was judged on its artistic excellence and artistic merit.

For a **complete listing of projects** recommended for Art Works grant support, please visit the NEA website at [arts.gov](http://arts.gov).

**1708 Gallery** is a non-profit arts organization committed to presenting exceptional new art. 1708 Gallery is committed to providing opportunities for artistic innovation for emerging and established artists and to expanding the understanding and appreciation of new art for the public.

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