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ACTION PAINTING

JULY 20 - AUGUST 3, 2013



1708 Gallery is pleased to present **Action Painting**, a multimedia exhibition by Brooklyn-based artist collaborative Fort Makers, on view July 20 through August 3, 2013. Join us for a gallery talk on Thursday, August 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. The talk will begin at 6:30 p.m.

For **Action Painting**, Fort Makers will transform 1708 Gallery into their homebase, studio and information center, where they will paint, sew and assemble materials such as tyvek, canvas, and found clothing into action paintings. Fort Makers will then take these “quilted” paintings out of the gallery and stage them in indoor and outdoor locations in and around downtown Richmond, Virginia, documenting their interventions with photography and video. The documentation of their planned installations (including sketches, live-video feed of installations, photographs, maps of sites and an installation schedule) will be posted in the gallery/workshop, as well as online at fortmakersactionpainting.tumblr.com. The show will continuously change and build upon itself. Fort Makers invites viewers to venture out and see the “action.”



Fort Makers is a project-based artist collaborative started by Nana Spears, Noah James Spencer, Naomi Clark, and Elizabeth Whitcomb that combines strategies from fine art, design, and fashion to make useful art objects such as clothing, lighting, furniture, jewelry and blanket tapestries, as well as large-scale art installations. In 2012 and 2013 they designed stage installations for MoMA PS1's summer concert series, *WARM UP*. Their work has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Anthropologie the Magazine*, the *T Magazine* blog, *Elle Italia*, and more. They live and work in Brooklyn, New York.



IMAGE CREDITS: Fort Makers, from *Forts We've Made* series

For more information, please visit:
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and fortmakersactionpainting.tumblr.com.

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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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