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1708 Gallery to Receive National Endowment for the Arts Grant, Award is among 1,023 Made Nationally



[Richmond, VA]— Through its grant-making to thousands of nonprofits each year, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) promotes opportunities for people in communities across America to experience the arts and exercise their creativity.

In the second major grant announcement of fiscal year 2015, the NEA will make a \$35,000 award to 1708 Gallery for *InLight Richmond 2015*. The NEA will make 1,023 awards totaling \$74.3 million nationwide in this funding round.

NEA Chairman Jane Chu said, “The NEA is committed to advancing learning, fueling creativity, and celebrating the arts in cities and towns across the United States. Funding these projects like the one from 1708 Gallery represents an investment in both local communities and our nation’s creative vitality.”

“We are honored to receive this recognition,” says Emily Smith, Executive Director of 1708 Gallery. “Support from the NEA provides crucial funds and will help 1708 Gallery make *InLight 2015*, which will take place on the grounds of the VMFA, to be the most successful, dynamic *InLight* to date.”

InLight Richmond is 1708’s public exhibition of light-based art and performance. *InLight 2015* will take place on Friday, November 13, 2015 on the grounds of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Artists will transform the museum grounds with sculpture, video, multi-media and interactive projects, and performances. *InLight 2015* will kick off with the Community Lantern Parade.

1708 is now accepting proposals for projects for *InLight 2015*. This year’s juror is Alex Baker of Fleisher Ollman Gallery in Philadelphia. For more information and to apply, please visit: www.1708gallery.org/inlight.





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InLight is made possible in large part by the continued generosity and support of 1708 Gallery's *InLight* sponsors. For more than seven years, lead sponsor Altria Group has provided critical support to *InLight*'s exhibition and programs, and Lantern Workshop and Community Lantern Parade sponsor MeadWestvaco has funded this significant community engagement component. Additional past supporters include: the National Endowment for the Arts, Virginia Commission for the Arts, Virginia Tourism Corporation, Windsor Foundation, E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, and Dominion Resources, as well as 3North, Baskervill, Broad/Grace Fund, CapTech, Richmond CenterStage, City of Richmond, Downtown Neighborhood Association, DreamsFactory, Eugene Holt Foundation, Foundation for Contemporary Art, Health Diagnostics Laboratory, Hunton & Williams, Jackson Foundation, Jackson Ward Neighborhood Association, Kip Kephart Foundation, LaDifférence, Madge Bemiss Architects, Markel Corporation, McGuireWoods, Neathawk Dubuque & Packett, Need Supply Co., Oliver Properties, Quirk Gallery, RCVB, Reynolds Foundation, Shockoe Partnership, TV Jerry, Union Bank, Venture Richmond, Virginia Commonwealth University, Verizon, and numerous individuals.



IMAGE CREDITS: Jason Peters, *Meandering Dynamics*, InLight 2012; Julie Hinzmann and Shawn Saharko, *Thank You, Thank You, Thank You*, InLight 2013; Annica Cuppetelli and Cristobal Mendoza, *Nervous Structure*, InLight 2011; Medeology Collective: Alessandro Imperato, Jim Gladman, and Kelly McClung, *Bridge of Signs*, InLight 2013; all photos by Terry Brown

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