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1708 GALLERY ANNOUNCES THE FIFTH ANNUAL INLIGHT RICHMOND

Friday, November 2, 2012, 7 p.m. to midnight



Organized by 1708 Gallery, **InLight Richmond** is a public exhibition of light-based art and performances. Each year, **InLight Richmond** encourages artists to respond to a particular section of our diverse city, attracting audiences to unique areas of Richmond. **InLight Richmond 2012** will be held on Friday, November 2, 2012 along the Broad Street corridor, 1708 Gallery's downtown neighborhood. The juror for **InLight Richmond 2012** is Melissa Ho, assistant curator at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden.



1708 Gallery was one of the first organizations to reinvest in this downtown neighborhood, moving to Broad Street in 2001. This former retail center of the South is located in Monroe Ward, bordered to the north by historic Jackson Ward (once known as the "Harlem of the South"), to the east by the Greater Richmond Convention Center and city and state government buildings, and to the west by Virginia Commonwealth University. Now host to numerous galleries, studios, businesses and restaurants, and the future home of Virginia Commonwealth University's Institute for Contemporary Art, the Broad Street corridor has experienced a rebirth. Yet it still retains an urban vitality as thrift stores, record shops and boutiques share the sidewalk with vacant sites and historic properties, and graffiti tags vie with murals.



This year's juror is Melissa Ho. Trained as an artist and an art historian, Ho is assistant curator at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden. She was previously Exhibition Consultant on *Color Chart: Reinventing Color, 1950 to Today* at the Museum of Modern Art in New York and Curatorial Assistant on the Barnett Newman retrospective at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. At the Hirshhorn, she recently co-curated the exhibition *Dark Matters* with Mika Yoshitake, and is coordinating the upcoming exhibition *Barbara Kruger: Belief+Doubt*. She has contributed numerous essays, catalogue entries, and reviews to catalogues and magazines, and has taught at Tyler School of Art and the Corcoran College of Art and Design. Ho has degrees in art history from Princeton University and the University of Pennsylvania, and did graduate work in fine arts at Carnegie Mellon University.



1708 Gallery invites artists working in all media and disciplines, including performance, to submit proposals for **InLight Richmond 2012**. Proposals should involve, be inspired by, investigate, or interpret themes of light, from light as medium to light as concept. Potential sites for installations and performances include sidewalks, streets, medians, exterior walls, alleys, parking areas, storefronts, and vacant interiors. All projects will receive technical support, as needed, and a \$300 honorarium. All projects are eligible for Best in Show (\$1,500) and People's Choice (\$500). Green projects are also eligible for Best in Green (\$1,500). To submit a proposal for InLight Richmond 2012, please visit: www.1708gallery.org/enter-inlight. The deadline for proposals is July 15, 2012.

InLight Richmond 2012 will kick-off with a Community Lantern Parade at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, November 2. 1708 Gallery is organizing a series of free lantern-making workshops throughout the summer and fall to provide an opportunity for the Richmond community to participate in **InLight Richmond 2012**. The schedule will include family-friendly workshops for all ages and skill levels encouraging all participants to explore their creative side. Stay tuned for a schedule of the lantern-making workshops.

InLight Richmond is made possible in large part by the generosity and support of our sponsors. Special thanks go out to our sponsors to date including our lead sponsor Altria Group, as well as MeadWestvaco Foundation, E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, Dominion Resources, and the Virginia Commission for the Arts.

1708 Gallery is still looking for sponsors for **InLight Richmond 2012!** Show your support for this important event by making a donation today. Please call 1708 Gallery at 804-643-1708 or contribute online at www.1708gallery.org/inlight.

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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