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1708 Gallery's InLight 2022 — Open Call



RICHMOND — 1708 Gallery's 15th annual InLight will take place **November 18-19, 2022** at Bryan Park in Richmond, Virginia. InLight is 1708's annual public exhibition of contemporary art. InLight takes place at night and each year is in a different location in Richmond. InLight features multimedia, sculpture, installation, performance, community-based works, and virtual projects that utilize light-based platforms (projections, lighting design, and more) to be experienced in the dark. Past sites include Chimborazo Park; Great Shiplock Park; the streets, facades, and alleyways of Richmond's downtown Arts District; and the sculpture garden and grounds of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

For this year's exhibition, 1708 invites regional, national, and international artists working in all media and disciplines to submit entries that engage with and respond to the histories that comprise Bryan Park. Bryan Park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (2002) and is located on the Northside of Richmond, Virginia—the capital of Virginia and one of America's oldest major cities. At the turn of the 19th century, the park served as a gathering site for Gabriel's Rebellion, one of many slave revolts that took place in the southern colonies and U.S. slave-holding states. Named after blacksmith and organizer Gabriel Prosser of Henrico County, the slave revolt was ultimately interrupted by sabotage and inclement weather. Today, the park offers a disc golf course, walking and biking trails, quaint streams and ponds, a Nature Preserve and Nature Center, and a rich abundance of wildlife. The Riverine Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists convene here to remove invasive species and propagate native plants; the parks and recreation staff install summer homes to support the thriving Purple Martin bird colonies that inhabit the park; and the park features a greenhouse that once cultivated and distributed native plants and produce to community gardens in the city. Bryan Park is also home to several festivals and events including the RVA BIG Market and Central Virginia Soccer Association games.

Artists are invited to propose projects that engage with and expand upon the histories and activities that comprise Bryan Park, as well as the site's current uses. These include Gabriel's Rebellion and its legacies; disc golf and soccer; bird watching; the park's environmental and ecological life; the park's wildlife as well as its native flora and fauna; weather and climate patterns in the U.S. upper south; and of course the park's significance to its surrounding communities.

The curatorial team for InLight 2022 is especially interested in proposals that address ideas around gathering and dwelling, waiting and interruption, play and contemplation. The team is likewise interested in future-thinking projects that reflect but are not bound by the histories and themes surrounding Bryan Park to reimagine the site's specificity and potential beyond its past and present.

Artists, Collectives, and Community Organizations are encouraged to apply.

For more details and to submit an entry, please visit 1708INLIGHT.ORG.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: Midnight (EST), Sunday, July 17, 2022.

1708 will host two virtual meetings via Zoom to provide an opportunity for potential applicants to ask direct questions about the application and selection process for InLight 2022. The meetings will be Tuesday, June 28th and Wednesday, June 29th at 5:30 pm. Please [register in advance](#) to attend.

Image: Rachele Riley + Matt Hedt, *World Wide Water (Richmond)*, InLight 2021, Photo by David Hale.