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1708 Gallery Announces the Fourth Annual InLight Richmond **Friday, October 21, 2011, 7 p.m. to midnight**



Organized by 1708 Gallery, **InLight Richmond** is a public exhibition of light-based contemporary art. **InLight Richmond 2011** will take place along Richmond's Downtown Riverfront and historic Tredegar on Friday, October 21, from 7 p.m. to midnight. Each year, **InLight Richmond** highlights a particular section of our diverse city offering artists a different environment to which to respond and attracting audiences to unique areas of Richmond.



The site of **InLight Richmond 2011** is along the James River, the heart of downtown Richmond and a lifeline for the River City, and features the American Civil War Center at historic Tredegar. 18 emerging and established artists and artist collectives from throughout the United States, and as far away as Germany will transform the Downtown Riverfront and grounds of Tredegar.

Selected by Juror Matthew Lyons, Curator at The Kitchen, a non-profit, interdisciplinary organization in NY, the exhibition will present a mix of visual, performance and interactive art installed along the river and beach, and among the train trestles, piers, historic buildings, and the surrounding grounds. More information about the participating artists and their installations will be announced over the next few weeks. **InLight Richmond 2011** will also feature a series of light-based performances throughout the evening.



InLight Richmond will kick-off with a Community Lantern Parade at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 21st. 1708 Gallery has organized a series of lantern making workshops throughout the month of October to provide an opportunity for Richmonders to participate in **InLight Richmond**. The schedule includes family-friendly workshops for all ages and skill levels encouraging all participants to explore their creative side. The workshops will take place across the city, from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts to the Children's Museum of Richmond. The detailed schedule of lantern workshops is attached.



1708 Gallery is also offering online instructions for easy-to-make lanterns to be crafted at home. Visit our website www.1708gallery.org/inlight to download the instructions.

In addition to the public workshops, 1708 Gallery is pleased to offer lantern-making opportunities to a variety of community organizations including The Boys and Girls Club, The Daily Planet, SCAN, CARITAS and Big Brothers Big Sisters. Schools in the Richmond region are also invited to participate through their classes.

Whether you make a lantern at home, in one of our public workshops, or make one the night of **InLight Richmond 2011**, we invite you to show off your luminous work of art by participating in the Community Lantern Parade. On the night of **InLight Richmond**, we will gather on the brick patio at Tredegar at 7 p.m. (look for all the lanterns) where you will receive an LED candle for your lantern.

In addition to the Community Lantern Parade, **InLight Richmond 2011** will feature community projects from partners including Art on Wheels, University of Richmond, and the James River Association. Fun for the whole family, you won't want to miss this opportunity to experience and participate in public art!



InLight Richmond is made possible in large part by the generosity and support of our sponsors. Special thanks goes out to our presenting sponsor Altria Group as well as MeadWestvaco Foundation, Union First Market Bank, E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, Foundation for Contemporary Arts, Virginia Commonwealth University, Style Weekly, NBC12, RVAnews, The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Virginia Commission for the Arts, Main Art Supply and numerous individuals.

IMAGE CREDITS: (top to bottom) PAGE 1: The Medeology Collective, *Illumi-Nation Narcosis*, InLight Richmond 2010, photo by Terry Brown; Jacob Stanley, *Spanning Systems (a partial rewire)*, InLight Richmond 2010, photo by Terry Brown; Patrick Gregory and Lincoln Mitchell, *Enlightened Abandonment*, InLight Richmond 2010, photo by Terry Brown; PAGE 2: Community Lantern Parade, photo by Elli Morris; lantern making workshop, photo by Harrison Keeler

1708 Gallery is still looking for sponsors for **InLight Richmond 2011**! Show your support for this important but ambitious event by making a donation today. Please call 1708 Gallery at 804-643-1708 or contribute online at www.1708gallery.org/inlight.

Interested in volunteering for **InLight Richmond 2011**? 1708 Gallery is seeking volunteers for a variety of needs before and the day of the event including exhibition installation, Community Lantern Workshops and Parade, event logistics, etc. If you are interested in volunteering, please email info@1708gallery.org with your interests and availability.

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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1708 Gallery's InLight Richmond 2011 Lantern Making Workshop Schedule

OCTOBER 1ST

Side by Side Saturdays at Visual Arts Center

10 am, adults w/ kids 5-15, Visual Art Center, 1812 W. Main St., \$10 per group (1 adult and 2 kids)

Side by Side Saturdays is a fun studio art program for children and families at the Visual Arts Center of Richmond. Find out more information at www.visarts.org/side-by-sidesaturdays.

OCTOBER 1ST

Lantern Making at VMFA

1 to 4 pm, VMFA, 200 N. Boulevard, FREE

Join the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and community partner 1708 Gallery in a celebration of Egyptian art and culture. This VMFA day of discovery includes music, tours, live storytelling, percussion performances and exploration of ancient Egyptian art. Join us in activity making that includes creating your own lantern to commemorating the Egyptian celebration of light.

OCTOBER 2ND

Family Lantern Making at QUIRK Gallery

2 to 4 pm, QUIRK Gallery, 311 W. Broad Street, FREE

Join 1708 Gallery in celebrating the Downtown Neighborhood Association at Quirk Gallery with lantern making for all ages. Choose from a variety of artful lantern designs to make.

OCTOBER 7TH

First Fridays Lantern Making

5 to 8 pm, QUIRK Gallery, 311 W. Broad Street, FREE

Join 1708 Gallery for October's First Fridays Art Walk and create artful lanterns in the QUIRK Gallery parking lot.

OCTOBER 7TH

West Main Street Art Walk Lantern Making

6 to 8:30 pm, Visual Art Center, 1812 W. Main St., FREE

1708 Gallery brings lantern making to the West Main Street Art Walk. Lantern workshop takes place in The Visual Arts Center of Richmond.

OCTOBER 8TH

Family Lantern Making Fest at Visual Arts Center

1 to 4 pm, Visual Art Center, 1812 W. Main St., FREE

Bring the kids and join artist Sarah Hand in making a variety of artful lanterns. For all ability levels.

OCTOBER 9TH

Metal Lantern Making at Visual Arts Center

1 to 3:30 pm, teens and adults, Visual Art Center, 1812 W. Main St., FREE

Recycle a tin can into an artful lantern with artist Eric Jones. Participants should be comfortable working with tools.

OCTOBER 9TH

House Lanterns at Virginia Center for Architecture

1:30 to 4:30 pm, Virginia Center for Architecture, 2501 Monument Ave., FREE

1708 Gallery and The Virginia Center for Architecture present Paper House Lanterns designed by artist Matt Lively.

OCTOBER 11TH

Bring your Own Craft Night at QUIRK Gallery

6 to 9 pm, QUIRK Gallery, 311 W. Broad Street, FREE

Join 1708 Gallery for QUIRK Gallery's BYOC evening. We'll supply all the materials to make a variety of crafty lanterns.

OCTOBER 12TH

Paper Lantern Making at Visual Arts Center

9:30 to 11 am, Visual Art Center, 1812 W. Main St., FREE

Bring a friend and join 1708 Gallery at The Visual Arts Center for coffee, treats and beautiful paper lantern making with artist Sarah Hand.

OCTOBER (ALL MONTH)

Lantern Making at The Children's Museum

For the month of October, The Children's Museum of Richmond is offering lantern making in the Art Studios at both the Short Pump and Downtown locations. Lantern making is free with admission. Visit www.c-mor.org to plan your visit.

OCTOBER 21ST

Lantern Making at InLight Richmond 2011

6 to 7:15 pm (Parade starts at 7:30 pm), FREE

Participate in InLight Richmond's Community Lantern Parade. Bring a lantern you've made at home, in one of the above workshops or make one with us just before the parade kicks off InLight Richmond 2011!