

BCA Exhibition Committee Minutes

April 23, 2024, 5:30-6:45pm

Committee Members Present:

Brian Collier, Sarah Rogers, Deb Wilkinson, Rachel Kahn-Fogel, Lisa Lillibridge, Dana VanderHeyden
(Absent: Barbara Perry, Robin Pierce, Parker Silver)

Staff Present:

Heather Ferrell, Curator/Director of Exhibitions, Jacquie O'Brien, Curatorial Asst/Gallery Coordinator

Catalog:

- Welcome and catalog for *Here Now: Art and Migration*
 - This catalog is now for sale at the BCA Center and will provide an invaluable resource to the artists in the show as well as to BCA in service of grants and programming.

Quick Stats and Programming Update at the BCA Center:

- Statistics are representative numbers pulled from the same date window (Feb 9 – April 23) from this year (2024) and last year (2023)
- Gallery attendance has increased from 2,996 (2023) to 3,652 (2024)
- The number of public programs have increased from 7 (2023) to 9 (2024)
- Attendance to public programs is maintaining consistency, attendance was 770 (2023) and is 544 this year.
 - Higher attendance in 2023 is as a result of the A.I. Symposium held at HULA
- Gallery tours have increased from 11 (2023) to 17 (2024)
 - This increase is reflective of a targeted push from the BCA Gallery Team to develop gallery learning as well as the NEA Grant we were awarded
- Tour attendance has increased from 205 (2023) to 340 (2024)
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Diane Gabriel Visual Artist Award:

- Awardee was selected via a panel of jurors consisting of curators, exhibition committee advisory board members, artists and community members. The winner of the 2024 Diane Gabriel Visual Artist Award is Burlington artist Lydia Kern.
 - Artist will be announced via press release on May 1, 2024 and at the Summer Artist Reception on July 12, 5-7pm

NEA Artist in Residence Project:

- *Becoming* is an Artist-in-Residence project funded by the National Endowment of the Arts, in support of BCA's short- and long-term goals develop school tour programming that supports teens.
 - Overarching theme focuses on identity.
- We need three artist-in-residence in Sept-Oct 2024
- Culminates in BHS exhibition in mid-Jan 2025

Committee Call to Action Items:

- Help us find artists in residence for the NEA Artist in Residence Project-

- Please reach out to the BCA Gallery Team with suggestions for artists who fit the criteria of supports the mission of increased inclusion/equity, has a unique artist skill-set, has teaching goals and experience, discusses the theme of identity within their work and has a zeal for community development.
- **How does equity and diversity manifest in BCA's Exhibitions and related programs? What else can we do to improve?**
 - Closely evaluate timing, conjunction with city-wide programming and weather to determine success
 - Thoughtfully develop outreach strategy to increase partner relationships for programs. Groups such as local college/high-school groups, the library and organizations such as The Peach and Justice Center may be able to foster higher attendance numbers for programming.
 - Implement exhibition based singe to utilize existing interested traffic in the BCA Center gallery displayed alongside artist labels, etc...
 - Continued effort from advisory board outreach to personal social and professional circles.

Ongoing Window Replacement Delay

- The replacement windows and doors for the front floor of the BCA Center have been delayed for a second time (original install Fall 2023).
 - Closure of exhibits of 3-5 weeks vs. 2 weeks

Preview: Upcoming Exhibitions:

- Essential Figure (Summer/Ground Level)
 - Essential Figure explores the diverse identities and narratives of people at the intersection of race, class, age, and gender.
 - Artists include: Sophie Cangelosi, Jennifer McCandless, Hannah Morris, Enrico Riley, Suzy Spence and Lorenzo Triburgo and Sarah Van Dyck.
- Rachel Rose: Lake Valley (Summer/Roth)
 - Lake Valley is a 2016 eight-minute video work focused on themes of childhood.
- Jane Kent: Do. I Do. (Fall/Roth)
 - Kent will present selections from her artists' book projects over the last 15 years including a new work (in process) and partially commissioned by BCA.

Next Gathering: Summer Artist Reception – Friday, July 12, 5-7pm

Next Meeting: Tues. April 16 5:30pm

Minutes: Jacquie O'Brien