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BE A PART OF THE 2019 NORTHERN VIRGINIA FINE ARTS FESTIVAL WITH A ROLE IN *ON DISPLAY/RESTON*

Volunteers needed for movement installation



Be a part of art at Greater Reston Art Center's Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival (NVFAF) in 2019.

The NVFAF is once again bringing thought-provoking performance art to the three-day festival at Reston Town Center. *ON DISPLAY/RESTON*, a movement installation by Heidi Latsky, will celebrate the beauty of differences.

ON DISPLAY/RESTON is a sculpture court where the performers are the sculptures. The artist is looking for men and women 18 and

older to participate. No formal dance experience is required, and diversity and the most inclusive range of ability are welcome. The movement installations will involve focus, stillness and structured improvisation.

The events will take place Saturday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 19 at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Interested participants should contact Kevin Danaher at Kevin.Danaher@Fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-390-6166 for more information.

ON DISPLAY/RESTON is presented in partnership with Shu Chen Cuff of the Gin Dance Company and Suzanne Richard of Open Circle Theatre. The Reston installation is a local platform for a worldwide initiative entitled *ON DISPLAY* that evolved out of Heidi Latsky Dance's partnership with the United Nations in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Latsky's work tackles the conventional wisdom that we should not stare; we should not look at someone deeply because it might offend them; that if someone "different" catches our eye we have objectified them. This is the life of the viewer.

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Alternatively, should we possess a birthmark, a glorious height, or an unknown disability, we risk being noticeable and feeling ostracized or worse. This is the life of the viewed. In both lives there is a harsh limitation where the viewer does not have “permission” to see beyond mere characteristics and the viewed cannot be seen as anything but “other.” Her work establishes new frames for each partner in these equations.

Heidi Latsky Dance is an internationally recognized, physically integrated dance company from New York City whose mission is to redefine beauty and virtuosity through performance and discourse using performers with unique attributes to bring rigorous, provocative contemporary dance to diverse audiences.

The 28th Annual Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival will bring more than 200 fine artists from around the country to Reston Town Center. The festival is Friday, May 17, Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Suggested entry admission is \$5 to benefit the Festival’s organizer Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE), the largest 501c3 nonprofit dedicated to the visual arts. *ON DISPLAY/RESTON* is sponsored by Reston Community Center.

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About Reston Community Center

Each year RCC offers more than 2,000 positive, self-development experiences that enhance the quality of life for all people living and working in Reston. RCC provides a wide range of programs in arts, aquatics, enrichment and lifelong learning. We also create and sustain community traditions through special events, outreach activities and facility rentals. To find the programs or events that are right for you, visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com or call 703-476-4500.

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