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Artist Kathy Nida Explores the Complexity of the Female Form in *Elemental Fiber* *Contemporary Craft's New Exhibition in its Downtown Pittsburgh BNY Mellon Satellite Gallery*

PITTSBURGH, PA – May 1, 2019 – Featuring a selection of vibrant works by mixed media artist Kathy Nida, *Elemental Fiber* will be on view at Contemporary Craft's BNY Mellon Satellite Gallery in downtown Pittsburgh from May 17 through August 18, 2019, showcasing quilts that transcend the commonplace.



You Pollute Me, 2017, Fiber
68" x 23" Photo: Kathy Nida

A long-time resident of San Diego, CA, Nida has been printmaking and making quilt art for over 30 years. She creates fabric narratives by translating her dreams into artworks. Through her colorful quilts such as *Earth Daughter*, *You Pollute Me*, and *All Stacked Up in My Head*, Nida explores public issues such as women's rights, politics, climate change, gun control, and other social topics through art. Many of these topics can be found in the six exhibiting artworks in *Elemental Fiber*. The artist mines her subconscious and conscious — good and bad memories— and reconciles them first with pen and paper, and then renders them into quilts using fabric, beads, embroidery, paint, and pen.

Nida holds a B.A. in Studio Art from the University of California, Irvine, with concentrations in ceramics, photography, and printmaking. Her work has been exhibited in group and solo exhibitions internationally and nationally, as well as being published in publications such as *500 Art Quilts: An Inspiring Collection of Contemporary Work* and *SAQA Portfolio* issues 18 through 21. Working full-time as a middle school science teacher, the focus of what Nida teaches in classrooms often ends up in her artwork subconsciously.

Contemporary Craft's BNY Mellon Satellite Gallery is located in the lobby of the Steel Plaza T-Station in downtown Pittsburgh (500 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15258). *Elemental Fiber* is free and open to the public daily through midnight. This exhibition is presented in concert with the triennial juried exhibition, *Fiberart International 2019 (FI2019)*. *FI2019* will be on view at Contemporary Craft in the Strip District starting at May 10 through August 24, 2019 and at Brew House Association from May 31 to August 24, 2019.

For more information or high-res photos of works in *Elemental Fiber* please contact Stephanie Sun at ssun@contemporarycraft.org or at 412.261.7003.

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