**For Immediate Release:**

**Contemporary Craft thinks creatively to provide internship virtually during the Pandemic**

Pittsburgh, PA - (July 6, 2020) – Emily Roush, Contemporary Craft’s (CC) 2020 Cheteyan Scholar and a Gettysburg College Bachelor of Art student, was awarded the Cheteyan Scholarship summer internship at CC to learn the inner workings of an arts organization. Many college students, like Roush’s classmates, had their summer internship offers withdrawn due to the pandemic. Roush felt fortunate to have the option to complete her internship virtually, with the opportunity to participate in the discussions and actions as CC deals with COVID-related struggles such as postponed exhibitions, canceled Grand Opening, the need to develop virtual programming, and cautiously planning for reopening.

When the news of the pandemic hit in early 2020, Roush was studying abroad in Rome, Italy, a hub for arts and culture. She managed to return to the United States March 9 as the global pandemic escalated and finished the rest of her semester online. Working remotely with Kate Lydon, CC’s Director of Exhibitions, Roush has been assisting in exhibition coordination, artist communications, and virtual program development. **“**Working remotely for my internship at CC has had a share of challenges and adjustments,” said Roush, “but I am so grateful to have this opportunity. Most programs were cancelled all together, so I feel lucky to get hands-on experiences in the arts field this summer.**”** She has also been involved in coordinating the organization’s inaugural exhibition “*The Heart Lives through the Hands,”* supporting the development of virtual group programming for youth, and the 2021 social justice exhibition, *Food Justice: Growing a Healthier Community through Art.*

Roush expects to graduate with her dual degree in Art History and Organization and Management Studies from Gettysburg College in 2021 and to continue her career in the arts. With a passion for the arts field, Roush has gained curatorial experiences during her studies at Gettysburg College including *Artful Nature and the Legacy of Maria Sibylla Merian* anexhibition she organized with Felicia Else, the Chair of the Art History Department at Gettysburg College for the on campus gallery. Her previous experience planning and writing exhibition catalogue content, creating exhibition wall labels and web entries, and giving gallery talks for the exhibition have supported her internship at CC.

CC’s Cheteyan Scholar Internship is awarded to one arts management student annually and provides the opportunity to immerse the intern in professional development experiences at CC, an award-winning arts organization in Pittsburgh, PA. This internship opportunity is supported and funded by Judy and Michael Cheteyan. For more information, please contact CC’s Marketing Manager Stephanie Sun at ssun@contemporarycraft.org.

**ABOUT CONTEMPORARY CRAFT**

Presenting contemporary art in craft materials by regional, national, and international artists since 1971, Contemporary Craft offers cutting edge exhibitions focusing on multicultural diversity and contemporary art, as well as a range of artist-led studio workshops, community outreach programs, and a store. Located at 5645 Butler Street in Pittsburgh, PA, Contemporary Craft’s exhibition and Drop-In Studio are free to the public. For questions related to accessible accommodations, please contact us at info@contemporarycraft.org or visit [www.contemporarycraft.org](http://www.contemporarycraft.org). CC is currently closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please check CC’s website for updates.

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