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## CONTEMPORARY CRAFT LAUNCHES PODCAST – SOUNDS FROM THE STUDIO

**PITTSBURGH, PA (July 2022) –** Contemporary Craft (CC) is pleased to announce the launch of its new podcast, *Sounds from the Studio*. Co-hosted by CC Executive Director Rachel Saul Rearick and Kahmeela Adams of <u>RuggedAngel Productions</u>, this monthly podcast launches with an interview with fiber artist Akiko Kotani.

Each month, Sounds from the Studio will feature an interview with a leading craft artist from around the world. The conversations dive into the artists' personal stories and practices, along with how their work and the field of craft relates to and reflects the world around us. Sometimes serious, sometimes humorous, but always inspiring, the podcast provides another way for listeners to connect with artists and gain a deeper understanding of the field of craft.

"More often than not, artists are making work in solitude. With *Sounds from the Studio*, it's our intention to connect listeners to what happens behind the scenes, with artists from the craft community," said Rearick. "We're looking forward to talking about processes and the concepts behind artwork with regional, national, and international artists - and feeling fortunate to be able to do this with our co-host, Kahmeela Adams."

New episodes release the first Tuesday of each month and are available on Spotify (<a href="https://open.spotify.com/show/5BvCm09CUho3sXIZqjq9vt">https://open.spotify.com/show/5BvCm09CUho3sXIZqjq9vt</a>) and at <a href="https://contemporarycraft.org/blog/">https://contemporarycraft.org/blog/</a>.

In addition to lively conversation, artists will also help listeners curate a unique playlist by sharing the three songs that best describe their work. That playlist can be found on Spotify at <a href="https://open.spotify.com/playlist/0SHWRICBmTHOwTXmw2wpgF?si=05f20db0660f4b82&nd=1">https://open.spotify.com/playlist/0SHWRICBmTHOwTXmw2wpgF?si=05f20db0660f4b82&nd=1</a>.

## **About Contemporary Craft**

Contemporary Craft presents contemporary art in craft media by regional, national, and international artists. Contemporary Craft offers cutting edge exhibitions focusing on multicultural diversity and contemporary art, as well as a range of artist-led studio workshops, community engagement programs, and a store. Located at 5645 Butler Street in the Upper Lawrenceville neighborhood of Pittsburgh, PA, Contemporary Craft's exhibition and Drop-In Studio art activity are always free to the public. For more information, visit contemporarycraft.org.