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TRANSFORMATION 11: CONTEMPORARY WORKS IN GLASS OPENS AT CONTEMPORARY CRAFT

PITTSBURGH, PA (August 2022) – Contemporary Craft (CC) is pleased to announce the opening of the 2022 Elizabeth R. Raphael Founder’s Prize exhibition, *Transformation 11: Contemporary Works in Glass*, on September 9, 2022 from 5:30-8:00 PM. The exhibition will run from September 9 through March 18, 2023. The opening is free and open to the public, and the winner of the Raphael Prize and selection of honorable mentions will be announced during the event.

Transformation 11: Contemporary Works in Glass features new work by 17 glass artists from around the world. Their work demonstrates the versatility, beauty, and complexity of glass and will make viewers see glass and its possibilities as a material in completely new ways.

On Saturday, September 10, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM, Contemporary Craft will hold a Dialogue with the Artists. During this event, several of the artists will be in the gallery discussing their work and answering visitors’ questions.

The 2022 Raphael Prize finalists are: Dean Allison, Pittsburgh, PA; Eunsuh Choi, Rochester, WI; Donald Friedlich, Madison, WI; Michael Janis, Washington, DC; Lauren Kalman, Detroit, MI; David King, Danville, KY; Eriko Kobayashi, Carbondale, IL; Weston Lambert, Tacoma, WA; Patrick Martin, Emporia, KS; Hisayoshi Muto, Yatomi, Aichi, Japan; Aya Oki, San Bernardino, CA; Miroslava Ptackova, Zlín, Zlínský kraj, Czech Republic; David Schnuckel, Rochester, NY; Michaela Spruzinova, Ústí Nad Labem, brná, Czech Republic; Ben Wright, Stanwood, WA; Ayano Yoshizumi, Everard Park, SA, Australia; and Hoseok Youn, Toledo, OH.

In addition to the exhibition, a free, all-ages, hands-on art activity will be available in CC’s Drop-In Studio, and docent led tours of the exhibition will be available for free once a month. The full schedule of tours, along with the link to RSVP, can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/transformation-11-docent-tours-903739>.

Established in 1997, the Elizabeth R. Raphael Founder’s Prize is named after CC founder Elizabeth Raphael. The 2022 prize will be awarded in the category of glass, on the basis of an entry that has been created within the previous 12 months and addresses the theme of “transformation.” The Founder’s Prize exhibition is vitally important to advancing the field of contemporary craft, and provides a platform for artists working at the cutting edge in craft media. The winning artist will receive a \$5,000 cash prize and recognition through an exhibition feature, a catalog, and a professionally produced video.

“We are looking forward to the return of this flagship exhibition, which continually offers an opportunity to explore creative concepts and innovative approaches in contemporary craft, through the use of materials. It



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has been an honor to work with our jury to select a sampling of artwork from around the world to be shown here in Pittsburgh,” said Rachel Saul Rearick, executive director at Contemporary Craft.

The jury for the 2022 prize includes Anna Rothfuss, Project Development Manager, Derix Art Glass Consultants, LLC U.S., Portland, OR; Heather McElwee, Randi & L. Van V. Dauler, Jr. Executive Director, Pittsburgh Glass Center, Pittsburgh, PA; Alexandra Raphael, enameller, London, England; Catherine Raphael, metalsmith and writer, Pittsburgh, PA; Rachel Saul Rearick, Executive Director, and Kate Lydon, retired Director of Exhibitions, Contemporary Craft, Pittsburgh, PA.

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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 www.contemporarycraft.org