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CONTEMPORARY CRAFT ANNOUNCES 2ND ANNUAL WEAVE-A-THON

PITTSBURGH, PA (October 2024) – Contemporary Craft’s (CC) is excited to announce its second annual Weave-a-Thon is scheduled for Friday, November 15, 12 PM – Midnight. During this 12-hour event, which is part fundraiser, part production studio, and part party, Pittsburgh-area weavers will design and weave dish towels. These towels will then be available for purchase on Friday, November 22 during our CRAFTED holiday shopping event.

As Contemporary Craft’s weaving program continues to grow, Weave-a-Thon gives students, both past and current, an opportunity to come together, weave, and raise money for the Fiber Studio.

“This year, our focus is on the accessibility and adaptivity of our space and tools. We are fundraising to support the acquisition of tools and furniture that will more gently and specifically support the individuality of the artists who use the space and help to further build the welcoming spirit of our studio!” said Jamie Boyle, Education and Community Engagement Manager. “This includes some adjustable height benches and stools, lights, air filters, clamps, bolsters, pillows, etc that will help adapt our tools to a gentler way, a way that hopefully allows for more ease and comfort.”

There are currently 33 weavers signed up for 127 weaving hours. As the towels are completed, they will be tagged with the weaver’s name. The towels will then be finished by volunteer sewers the following week placed in the CC Store just in time for CRAFTED on Friday, November 22. Each towel will sell for \$40, with the weaver receiving a \$20 artist commission.

The public is welcome to stop by to cheer on the weavers from 12 – 9 PM. The entire event will also be livestreamed on CC’s Instagram. In addition to purchasing a towel or stopping by during the event, there are several other ways people can get involved with Weave-a-Thon, including sponsoring a weaver, sponsoring the event, and donating food and drink to keep the weavers fed and hydrated.

For more information on the event and ways to get involved, visit <https://contemporarycraft.org/studio-2/weave-a-thon/>

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 engagement programs, and a store featuring work by top artists from across the country. Located at 5645 Butler Street in Pittsburgh, PA, Contemporary Craft’s exhibitions are free to the public.