

ARTPORT KINGSTON



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ArtPort Kingston presents *We Are All in this Together*

October 10 – Nov 7, 2020

Opening reception: October 10, 5-7pm @The Cornell Steamboat Building, 108 East Strand, Kingston, NY 12401

Open Hours: Sat & Sun 12-5pm

Artists: Doreen McCarthy, Alexander Hammond, Kirsten Hassenfeld, Jacinta Brunnel, Jennifer Dalton, Ann Tarantino, Patricia Tewes Richards and continuing on view with works by, Mary Ann Strandell, Roxanne Faber Savage, Stefan Saffer, Jeila Gueramian, Susan Rowe Harrison, Karlos Carcamo, Dan Devine, Michelle Weinberg, Christine Stiver and others.

We live in difficult and challenging times, which demand from us to be flexible, spontaneous, compromising, caring, and innovative to solve the multitude of new issues we are facing as a society. What is our communal awareness, what do we all have in common and what are our goals as individuals shaping our community in diverse ways. What matters to us? Is it hearing opinions or taking action? How can extreme differences come together to embrace life just as it is now?

Art in times of crisis, often is seen as useless, helpless and unimportant. But we all can learn from art that highlights contrasts, creates crazy combinations, brings the most outrageous opposites to shape an object that has the power to touch each of us individually. Often artists are not afraid to engage, marching forward into unknown territory and playing with dangerous elements which might naïvely inform. Just take a moment to think of something in our modern society that allows you to have an immediate opinion about it. Art – hate or love it– usually we can experience it in a more relaxed manner, allowing us to debate and challenge each other without direct fighting. We all think of “art” as being harmless but the power to initiate a thought, a comment, or a reaction in a constructive and creative way is enormous. Art might seem to have less of an “agenda” other than reaching out to initiate change and debate, but it can have a significant impact that goes much deeper. If an artwork manages to enter your train of thought and derailed you for only one second, it is to your benefit because sitting in the train barely lets you think about the train and its direction.

The exhibition “ WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER” welcomes everybody, of any religious belief, political lean, color, gender, mood, social background or origin. Visit #ArtPortKingston and experience our new artworks for a moment of OTHERNESS like other thoughts, other feelings and another smile.

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ArtPort is a newly established cultural space in the historic Cornell Steamboat Building along the Rondout Creek in Kingston located at 108 E Strand. ArtPort’s aim is to be a destination for art experiences and unconventional interaction between contemporary art and a wide range of audiences.