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***Art in the Open 2016 to Take Place May 13 – 15,  
Featuring Over 30 Selected Artists***

*Biennial Public Event will Offer an Outdoor Showcase of Working Artists Extending  
Along the Schuylkill River Banks From the Fairmount Water Works to South Street*

PHILADELPHIA, PA – March 22, 2016 –**Art in the Open Philadelphia 2016**, a free, live outdoor showcase of artists working in a range of media, will take place along the Schuylkill Banks trail from Friday, May 13 through Sunday, May 15, 2016.

Every two years, Art in the Open selects more than 30 artists (individuals and collaborative teams) to participate in making art outside, along the Schuylkill Banks trail from the historic Fairmount Water Works alongside the Philadelphia Art Museum to South Street.

In addition, on Saturday, May 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., “Art in the Open Family Day” will give members of the general public the opportunity to draw, paint and sculpt their own creations outside the historic Fairmount Water Works.

As a free public art event, Art in the Open Philadelphia is a unique program designed to shape community through art-making, by bridging the city’s outdoor spaces, natural areas and historic waterways for the enjoyment of the general public.

“Art in the Open presents a unique opportunity to connect the public with the natural environment in a powerful way,” said Karen Young, Executive Director for the Fairmount Water Works. “What better way to interact with the thousands of people who enjoy the Schuylkill River banks than by turning the trail into a real working art studio where visitors can engage directly with artists, with the river as inspiration?”

AiO is produced in partnership with the Fairmount Water Works, the Center for Emerging Visual Artists and City Parks Association, and presented in collaboration with the Philadelphia’s Office of Arts and Culture and the Creative Economy, Philadelphia’s Department of Parks and Recreation, Schuylkill River Banks Association, Schuylkill River National Heritage Area and more than 20 other cultural, environmental and civic organizations.

Since 2010, Art in the Open has presented over 150 artists who have ventured out from their studios to work in the public realm along the banks of the Schuylkill River. A complete list of the selected artists is posted on the Art in the Open website: [www.artintheopenphila.org](http://www.artintheopenphila.org).

Art in the Open 2016 artists and artist teams selected include:

- Art Sphere Inc. (Kristin Groenveld), Phila., PA;
- Aaron Asis, Seattle, WA\*
- BYO Print (Katie VanValient, Lisa Imperiale, etc.); Phila., PA
- Jane Carver, Phila., PA
- Marie Yoho Dorsey, New York, NY
- Paul Downie, Phila., PA
- Oki Fukunaga, New York, NY
- Mary Olin Geiger, New York, NY
- Matt Greco and Chris Esposito (Damfino), New York, NY
- Miguel Horn, Phila., PA
- Elizabeth Hoy, New York, NY\*
- Chanelle Hurst and Amelia Carter, Phila., PA
- Cayla Lockwood, Phila., PA
- C. Pazia Mannella, Columbia, MO\*
- Heather McMordie, Phila., PA
- Angela McQuillan and Sarah Zimmer, Phila., PA
- Deborah Miller, Norristown, PA
- Alexandra Orgera, Phila., PA
- Sarah Peoples, Phila., PA
- Leah Reynolds, Phila., PA
- Imani Roach, Phila., PA
- Marian Stasiorowski, Phila., PA
- Mat Tomezsko, Phila., PA
- Erika Tsuchiya-Bergere, Collingswood, NJ\*
- Katie VanVliet & Samuel Cusumano, Phila., PA
- Lauren Vargas, Phila., PA
- Jay Walker, Phila., PA
- Waxwood (Christopher Wood & Trudy Watt), Phila., PA
- Jaither West, Phila., PA

This year's panel of jurors includes:

- Annette Monnier, Executive Director of the [University City Arts League](#)
- Orlando Pelliccia, Director of the [Leonard Pearlstein Gallery](#) at Drexel University and Associate Teaching Professor at Drexel's Westphal College of Media Arts and Design
- Douglas Schaller, Manager of the [Locks Gallery](#) on Washington Square in Philadelphia
- Lori Waslechuck, Artist, Coordinator for Prime Collective, and faculty member at Philadelphia Photo Arts Center

For 2016, AiO announced a financial award, named in honor of one of AiO's founding partners, Ed Bronstein. In this inaugural year of the artist's award, the jurors selected Aaron Asis as the recipient of The Ed and Sophie Bronstein Founders prize. Aaron was a 2014 AiO artist and returns this year to work in May along the River.

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