

# 701 Center for Contemporary Art in Columbia, SC, Features 25 Artists

701 Center for Contemporary Art in Columbia, SC is presenting *25 Artists*, a film project by Columbia native, filmmaker and three-time Emmy nominee Wade Sellers, on view through Feb. 26, 2017. Making It Work: Artists In Conversation, will be offered on Feb. 12, all at 3pm. The participating artists will be announced later.

For the project, filmmaker Sellers interviewed 25 Columbia artists whose work he admires, asking them why they create, what influences and motivates them, how they work, etc. Each interview took place with the artists standing in front of a neutral, white backdrop and was conducted informally and in spontaneous fashion. The interviews were edited to 60 seconds or less to create a series of vignettes. All interviews will be shown simultaneous on 25 mounted monitors in an inventive, gallery-wide installation. The goal was, Sellers says, "to get to the heart of why the artists do what they do and who they are as artists." In the process, "the viewer is able to explore the creative process."

The artists featured in the project include: Eileen Blyth, Jarid Lyfe Brown, Michaela Pilar Brown, James Busby, Michael Cassidy, Stephen Chesley, Thomas Crouch, Jeff Donovan, Mary Gilkerson, Bonnie Goldberg, Michael Krajewski, Matthew Kramer, Whitney LeJeune, Susan Lenz, Dre Lopez, Laurie McIntosh, John Monteith, Lucas Sams, Alex Smith, Kirkland Smith, Laura Spong, Anna Redwine, Cedric Umoja, Mike Williams, and David Yaghjian.

"Even though the edited versions are short, the interviews are incisive and provide a great series of portraits of artists and why they do what they do," 701 CCA board chair Wim Roefs said. "The exhibition and conversations should give the public a deeper understanding of what drives artists and what the possibilities and difficulties are as they try to develop a career as artists in Columbia."

"25 Artists is as complete a project from concept to creation as I have created," Sellers said. "I am as proud of it as any work that I have done."



A composite of images of the 25 artists

Sellers is an independent filmmaker and producer. He is a three time Emmy nominee whose production company, Coal Powered Filmworks, focuses on producing documentary and independent film. His work has been seen on PBS stations nationwide and independent theaters and festivals around the country. After graduation from the University of South Carolina he began work in independent film as a cinematographer. In the late 1990's he followed this work to New York City, where he began establishing a strong resume of independent work and corporate clients. After returning to the South he turned his focus to producing and directing.

After a number of years producing and directing independent work and PSAs for state agencies Sellers decided to form Coal Powered Filmworks, a documentary and commercial production company. Over the eight years since founding Coal Powered Filmworks, he has produced work for local, regional and national clients. His work has been recognized with Addys, Tellys and numerous other awards. His latest project is a three-part biography series focusing on soldiers who fought in Vietnam that will air nationally in 2017.

701 CCA is a non-profit visual arts center that promotes understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of contemporary art, the creative process and the role of art and artists in the community. The center also encourages interaction between visual and other art forms.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call Wim Roefs at 803/238-2351 or visit ([www.701cca.org](http://www.701cca.org)).

# Gallery West in Columbia, SC, Features Works by Elena Burykina and Evelyn Wong

Gallery West in Columbia, SC, will present *Seasons: Elena Burykina and Evelyn Wong*, on view from Feb. 3 through Mar. 25, 2017. A reception will be held on Feb. 3, from 5-8pm.

Gallery West presents the work of two extraordinary young women who are making themselves known in the art world near and far. Their work is influenced by very different cultures: Wong by Chinese art, and Burykina from her homeland of Russia and the Ukraine. The focus of this exhibition is their botanical images which span the seasons of the year.

Elena Burykina was born and raised in Ulan-Ude, Russia until her family left



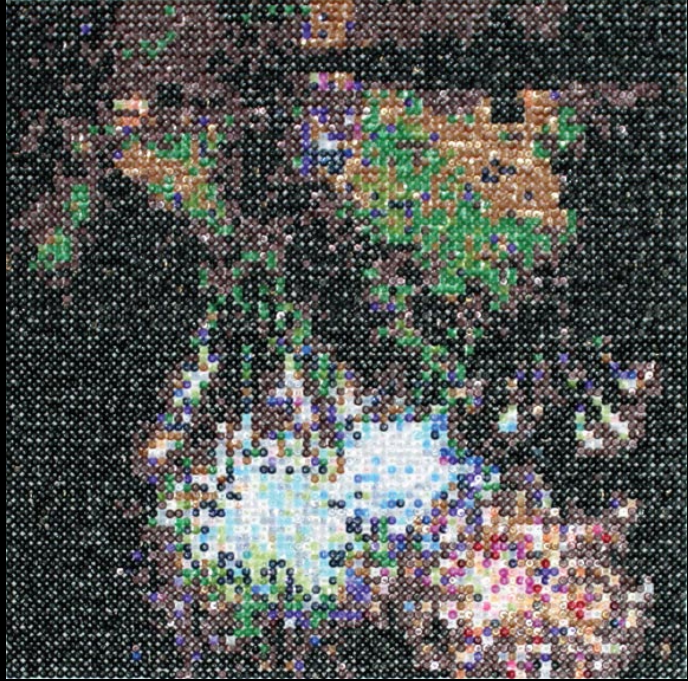
Work by Elena Burykina

Russia for Ukraine in 1985. It was there in Ukraine where for the next fifteen years [continued on Page 22](#)



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