



# Columbia Open Studios Tour 2017

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(<http://www.columbiaopenstudios.org>).

Located inside the historic 701 Whaley building in downtown Columbia's Olympia neighborhood, 701 CCA is a nonprofit contemporary art center that features a gallery with free admission and cutting-edge exhibitions of regional, national and international contemporary art. The center also runs an artist-in-residence program that allows artists from all over the world to create art in 701 CCA's live-work united during residencies lasting two weeks to three months. The current artist-in-residence is acclaimed New York painter and Columbia native Osamu Kobayashi. 701 CCA also hosts an array of multi-disciplinary programming and educational programs, including a kids' summer art camp.



Work by Julia Moore

24, 2017. The City Hall exhibition is a partnership with One Columbia for Arts & History, a nonprofit organization which supports and promotes tourism in Columbia, SC.

701 Center for Contemporary Art will host a ticketed Columbia Open Studios Preview Party on Mar. 30, 2017, from 7 to 9pm at the center on the second floor of 701 Whaley. During the event, guests can meet participating artists, see some of their work and view 701 CCA's exhibition film and video productions by Greenville, SC, artist Jeff Sumerel. Tickets are \$5 for 701 CCA members and \$10 for non-members.

Work by Columbia Open Studios artists also will be featured in an exhibition hosted by 701 Whaley in its first-floor Community Gallery, from Mar. 11 - 31, 2017. Guests can view the exhibition free of charge. The Community Gallery is located in the entry hallway on the building's first floor.

The Columbia Open Studios tour gives art lovers the opportunity to see how artwork is made and chat one-on-one with each of the 64 artists who are opening

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Thanks to major support from the City of Columbia and Richland County, 701 CCA is able to present Columbia Open Studios as a signature event for the seventh consecutive year. Columbia Open Studios typically sees between 6,000 and 10,000 visits to art studios over the course of the weekend.

New artists make up 1/3 of this year's tour with 23 of this year's 64 artists are new participants and either will be opening their studios for the very first time or will be returning to the tour after a hiatus.

Thousands of visitors will have the opportunity to explore the South Carolina Midlands' vibrant fine art community and experience, free of charge, the work and workspaces of its artists. The event offers an opportunity to buy art directly from participating artists. Artists keep 100% of their sales.

To provide an early look of what Open Studios has to offer, 701 CCA has installed a Columbia Open Studios Exhibition at Columbia City Hall. The work of some three dozen Open Studios participants will be on view through Mar.

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