

Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC, Offers Works by Vanessa German

Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC, is presenting Vanessa German: ritual & resilience, on view in the Elizabeth Stone Harper Gallery of the Harper Center for the Arts, through Nov. 30, 2018. An Artist Talk & Performance: citizen artist: if my hands were anything other than hands, will be offered on Nov. 8, at 4pm, with a reception to follow.

Vanessa German, a vibrant and inspiring painter, sculptor, performer, writer, activist, and poet based in Pittsburgh, PA, has rapidly gained acclaim for her passionate, colorful, and iconic paintings and sculptures. She is the recipient of many prestigious awards for both her artworks and her bold characterized performances. Shouting out support and encouragement for all to perform, for all to follow our dreams, for all to be strong and persevere, German is a "citizen artist reminding us of the "town crier" or "public announcer," calling out to her viewers with supportive good news.

As a citizen artist, German explores the power of art and love as a transformative force in the dynamic cultural ecosystem of neighborhoods and communities. German is based in the Pittsburgh neighborhood of Homewood, the community that is the inspiration and driving force behind her powerful performance work and whose cast-off street relics form the language of her elaborately embellished sculptures. She is the founder of Love Front Porch and the ARThouse, a community arts initiative for the children of Homewood.

German's work is in numerous private and public collections including Everson Museum of Art, Figge Art Museum, Flint Institute of Arts, Spelman College Museum of Fine Art, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, David C. Driskell Center, Snite Museum of Art, Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, and Wellin Museum of Art at Hamilton College. German's art work has been widely exhibited, most recently



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at the Mattress Factory, Everson Museum of Art, Spelman College Museum of Fine Art, Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Studio Museum, Ringling Museum of Art, and Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. Her work has also been featured on CBS Sunday Morning, NPR's All Things Considered, The Huffington Post, O Magazine, and Essence Magazine. She is the recipient of the 2015 Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Grant, the 2017 Jacob Lawrence Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and the 2018 United States Artist Grant.

The Harper Center Gallery is host to four exhibitions annually - two exhibitions of work from nationally/internationally recognized artists, the Senior Art Major continued on Page 16

