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new collection galleries with a progressive thematic layout, new studios for artmaking, cutting-edge program and event spaces, and an entrance on Main Street. Overall, more than 15,000 square feet of functional space were added to the building's existing

footprint.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listing, call the Museum at 803/799-2810, or visit (www.columbiamuseum.org).

701 Center for Contemporary Art in Columbia, SC, Features South Arts Exhibition

The 701 Center for Contemporary Art in Columbia, SC, is proud to host the 2022 South Arts Southern Prize & State Fellow Exhibition, on view from Mar. 9 through May 7, 2023. Since its beginning in 2017, the South Arts Southern Prize & State Fellows event supports the highest quality of art being currently created in the American South.

The exhibition featured work from nine State Fellowship recipients, one from each state in the South Arts region. Each featured artist received a \$5,000 award after being selected by an independent jury panel based solely on artistic excellence.

Two artists from this group were then selected as finalists for the Southern Prize. Second place winner Sarah Elizabeth Cornejo took home \$10,000 and first place went to Hannah Chalew, who received \$25,000. Both artists will receive a two-week residency at the Hambidge Center for the Creative Arts and Sciences in Rabun Gap, GA.



Work by Jenny Fine

Michaela Pilar Brown, curator of the South Arts 2022 Southern Prize and State Fellows Exhibition, owner of the Mike Brown Contemporary gallery in Columbia, SC, and award-winning mixed-media artist, states about the works submitted, "What is clear is that Southern artists are continuing to record and examine the world. They are examining the lived experience of the South but are deeply engaged in global issues. The work of this moment is contemplative, addressing serious concerns for the wellbeing of the planet, the condition of humans. It is filled with wit and humor, sensitivity and joy. While examining some of the darkest moments, it is not without hope and light. It asserts the right to take up space. It pushes



Work by Antonio Darden

for recognition. It colors the myriad ways that we identify the self and celebrate it."

Selected artists include: Jenny Fine, Geovanna Gonzalez, Antonio Darden, Crystal Gregory, Hannah Chalew, Gloria Suggs, Marcus Dunn, Brittany Watkins, and Sarah Elizabeth Cornejo.

Here are links to their bios: (https://www.701cca.org/jenny-fine), (https://www.701cca.org/marcus-dunn), (https://www.701cca.org/sarah-elizabeth-cornejo), (https://www.701cca.org/sarah-elizabeth-cornejo), (https://www.701cca.org/brittany-watkins), (https://www.701cca.org/gloria-suggs), (https://www.701cca.org/antonio-darden), (https://www.701cca.org/hannah-chalew), (https://www.701cca.org/crystal-gregory), and (https://www.701cca.org/giovanna).

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, e-mail Caitlin Bright at (director@701cca.org) or visit (www.701cca.org).

5th Cottontown ArtCrawl in Columbia, SC, Takes Place - Mar. 11, 2023

The 5th Cottontown ArtCrawl in Columbia, SC, will take place on Mar. 11, 2023, from 10am-4pm. The event will welcome over 140 artists to show and sell their original work. Bounded by Grace Avenue, Bull Street, Elmwood Avenue, and Main Street, the neighborhood is remarkable as an intact example of Columbia's earliest planned suburbs. This year's event offers more art, more artists, more food and more fun for visitors than ever before.

"The Cottontown neighborhood is looking forward to supporting the Columbia arts scene on March 11th," said organizer Julie Seel. "Artists will be selling their work throughout the entire neighborhood. Some of the artists are emerging, some are quite accomplished, and some are award winning, juried artists. So, we truly have something for every level of art enthusiast," said Seel.

This event is entirely outdoors and spread

over several city blocks, but social distancing and masks are encouraged. The organizers of the event are committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all and providing an opportunity for artists to showcase and sell their work safely. While artists are located throughout the neighborhood, the corridor is intended to be more accessible to individuals with mobility issues.

The event is FREE and open to the public and will also feature live music featuring local bands and performers. The main host station will be located at 2222 Sumter Street, where information and maps will be available. Maps will also be available at specially marked boxes throughout the neighborhood.

For further information visit (https://www.facebook.com/groups/cottontownart-crawl/)

Looking for info on the next juried art show in the Carolinas, an opportunity to show & sell your work at the next festival taking place in the Carolinas or do you want to know who the new director of an art museum in the Carolinas is - just check out our Blog, "Carolina Arts News"

at (https://carolinaartsnews.wordpress.com/).

