

Debra Wright

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Debra Wright is a multidisciplinary artist residing in Northern Virginia. Her work has been exhibited internationally in traditional venues but has also appeared in renegade public art installations throughout the Washington metropolitan area. Debra's current body of work reflects her deep commitment to social justice, human rights and the pursuit of personal identity.

Viewing art is an act of intimacy. You give me a gift by allowing me into your safe space, and trust me to show you things that excite, compel or challenge you. This is a privilege and I do not take it for granted. I hope to give you something that resonates with your soul and seek to forge a bond between us, one that endures long after you have left the gallery.

GALLERY REPRESENTATION

Kyo Gallery, Alexandria, Virginia (current)

STUDIO LOCATIONS

Olly Olly Art Gallery & Artist Studios, Fairfax, Virginia, USA
Jacksonville, Florida, USA (Satellite)

ARTIST MEMBERSHIPS

Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York, New York
National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, DC
Washington Project for the Arts, Washington, DC

RECENT EXHIBITIONS

2021

- *Artbox.Project Barcelona* (Large Group), Barcelona, Spain

2020

- *DC Street Sticker EXPO 2020* (Large Group), Washington, DC
- *Hear Us Roar!* (Juried), Roaring Artists Gallery, Houston, TX
- *The Feminine Agenda* (Juried), Womenswork.art Gallery, Poughkeepsie, NY
- *Artbox.Project Zürich 2.0* (Large Group), Zürich, Switzerland
- *Power of Women Art Exhibition*, NVCC, Manassas, Virginia
- *FE*MAIL*ART 2020 Postcard Exhibition* (Large Group), A.I.R. Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

2019

- *Artbox.Project Miami 2.0* (Large Group), Miami, Florida
- *PULSE Art Fair* (Juried), Treat Gallery, Miami, Florida
- *Suburbs* (International)(Juried), Millepiani Gallery, Rome, Italy
- *Satellite Art Show* (Juried), Treat Gallery, NYC
- *Mind, BODY, Soul: Healing the Outside from Within* (Juried), Joan Hisaoka Healing Arts Gallery at Smith Center for Healing & the Arts, Washington, DC
- *Priority Mail* (Large Group), Ground Floor Gallery, NYC
- *Transformations* (Small Group), Kyo Gallery, Alexandria, Virginia
- *Britepaths Artful Living: Thrive!* (Juried Exhibition & Charity Event), Fairfax, Virginia
- *Recycling is Culture* (Large Group); Kenektid X Gallery, NYC
- Leukemia & Lymphoma 32nd Anniversary Ball (Charity Auction), Washington, DC

2018

- *Photo Shoot: 2018* (Juried Exhibition & Catalogue); Blackbox Gallery, Portland, Oregon
- *Resistance Art in Trumpian Times* (Juried Exhibition), Kyo Gallery, Alexandria, Virginia
- *Freedom Connection to End Human Trafficking* (Charity Auction), Fairfax, Virginia
- *The Work of Michael Edwards, Debra Wright, Jinny Isserow, Christina Borek, Kathleen Stark, Fritz Treyz and Al Hassan* (Small Group), French Quarter Brasserie, Fairfax, Virginia
- *The Work of Michael Edwards, Debra Wright, Pablo Gutierrez & Dennis Gallatin (d.)* (Small Group), French Quarter Brasserie, Fairfax, Virginia
- Leukemia & Lymphoma Society 31st Anniversary Ball (Charity Auction), Washington, DC

2017

- *Holiday Showcase* (Small Group), Historic Old Town Hall, Fairfax, Virginia
- *Bad Santa's Grotto* (Large Group), LIC Arts Open Gallery at the Factory, LIC, NY
- Village Gallery (Large Group; Autumn 2017), Fairfax, Virginia
- *Kaskistocracy* (Small Group), Washington, DC

- Garnerville Arts Festival (Art for Aleppo), Garnerville Art Center, West Haverstraw, NY
- *Art for Aleppo* (Benefit Event), Catalyst Gallery, Beacon, NY
- Village Gallery (Large Group; Summer 2017), Fairfax, Virginia
- WEConnect International (Commissioned), National Press Club, Washington DC
- Leukemia & Lymphoma 30th Anniversary Ball (Charity Auction), Washington, DC
- *Nasty Women NYC* (Large Group), The Knockdown Center, Maspeth, Queens, NYC

2016

- *Baby Canvases Six* (Large Group), Olly Olly Art Gallery, Fairfax, Virginia
- Man & Woman of the Year Gala, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (Charity Auction), Alexandria, Virginia

COMMUNITY ART

2019

- ***A Warm Gesture 2019*** City of Fairfax Public Art Program, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, Fairfax, Virginia. Artist originated concept, design and proposal. Materials procured and volunteers recruited by artist working in tandem with City of Fairfax Department of Parks and Recreation. Artist organized and directly supervised 2 open community events, resulting in fabrication of 91 scarves, 26 hats and 15 pairs of gloves. Clothing items created were placed on display in public view and will be distributed to the homeless in and around the Nation's Capital in early 2020 after the installation closes. In response to overwhelming feedback from the public, this will be an ongoing community endeavor with installations occurring annually.
- ***Quilting a Revolution*** Supported by Arlington Arts Center, Arlington, Virginia. Artist originated concept, design and proposal. Procured materials from supplies destined to be discarded after Arlington Arts Center's City of Threads installation (unaffiliated) closed, equating to (10) 55-gallon size bags of fabric. Recruited and organized small group of volunteers to generate quilts ("solidarity blankets") for distribution to the homeless in the Washington metropolitan area. Materials obtained on June 26, 2019, with internal production deadline of 50 units by December 26, 2019; goal achieved ahead of schedule (on December 2, 2019) while adhering to zero waste initiative. Production is ongoing and will continue until supplies are exhausted. In response to positive feedback from the public and quilt recipients, this effort will likely become an ongoing endeavor.

CURATORIAL EXPERIENCE

2019

- *Tricks Done With Mirrors* (Co-Curator: Ms. Kelly Snyder), National/International
- *Keys: An exhibition promoting mental health awareness, compassion and access to care* (Large Group Benefit Event), Northern Virginia

2017

- *Discover the Undiscovered* (Small Group), Village Gallery, Fairfax, Virginia

PUBLICATIONS

CURRENTLY IN PRODUCTION

- *That Which Binds Us: Images and Accounts of Modern Feminists*

2020

- *ONLYCHILD Art Mag*; Issue Number 1; New York, New York

2019

- *Murze Arts Magazine: Change*; Issue Number 8; London, England
- *Murze Arts Magazine: Assemblage*; Issue Number 7; London, England

2018

- *Photo Shoot: 2018* (Exhibition Catalogue); Blackbox Gallery, Portland, Oregon

2017

- *Art for Aleppo* (Group Catalogue; Charitable Endeavor); Catalyst Gallery, Beacon, NY

OTHER ENDEAVORS

- Operations Manager: Fairfax Art League Executive Committee; Fairfax, Virginia; July 2017-May 2018
- Gallery Manager: Village Gallery; Fairfax, Virginia; June 2017-March 2018
- Membership Chair: Fairfax Art League; Fairfax, Virginia; May 2017-September 2017

- Prison Arts Outreach (*pro bono*): La Galerie à 10520; Fairfax, Virginia; May 2017-September 2018
- Art Instructor (*pro bono*): The Lamb Center; Fairfax, Virginia; March 2017-May 2017
- Private Art Instructor and Portfolio Consultant (self-employed): November 2016-present