

# BRIDGETTE MAYER GALLERY

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Bridgette Mayer Gallery

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**Bridgette Mayer Gallery Holds 8<sup>th</sup> Benefit Exhibition Supporting Tools for School and EducationWorks. Exhibition will be on view October 7<sup>th</sup> – November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 990 Spring Garden St. in Philadelphia.**

**Philadelphia, PA – July 17, 2021.** The Bridgette Mayer Gallery, in partnership with exhibition space host, Arts + Crafts Holdings, is thrilled to announce its 8<sup>th</sup> Benefit Exhibition, supporting Tools for School and Education Works, two nonprofit organizations that provide resources and programs that ensure quality education for all students in the greater Philadelphia area.

The exhibition will run from Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 990 Spring Garden, a creative workspace in the Spring Arts District of Philadelphia. This year, the show includes over 200 curated artists from the Philadelphia area and beyond, working in many different styles, techniques, and media. Keeping with the tradition of previous Benefit Exhibitions, artists' work will be featured on 10 x 10-inch or 24 x 24-inch panels.

A percentage of proceeds from this exhibition will go directly to the nonprofits Tools for School and EducationWorks, and will be used to purchase school supplies and provide academic support, career readiness, and enrichment programming for students of all ages in the Philadelphia area. These panels, which have been created by an exciting group of established and up-and-coming artists, will be sold for \$500.00 for a 10 x 10-inch panel and \$1,000.00 for a 24 x 24-inch panel. Some of the artworks in this exhibition retail anywhere from \$5,000.00 to \$20,000.00, making this an invaluable opportunity for both long-time and new collectors to purchase original art at affordable prices.

**About Tools for School:**

Tools for School is a teen-led, Philadelphia-based nonprofit that provides students in need with the tools necessary to succeed. Created in 2013 by three South Jersey siblings, the organization is run year-round by a teen executive board that develops fundraising events to purchase backpacks and school supplies and donate them to students. To date, Tools for School has donated over 8,000 backpacks filled with school supplies to schools, religious groups, food pantries, and other social service organizations in the Philadelphia and South Jersey area.

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## **About EducationWorks:**

EducationWorks is a Philadelphia-based nonprofit providing high quality educational programs that make the school day whole and reengage disconnected young adults to education and career readiness. EducationWorks implements two sets of programming plans that are designed to engage and re-engage students and young adults in Philadelphia. For school-aged students, EducationWorks collaborates with school and community leaders to identify students' challenges and create personalized in-school, after school, and summer programming in topics like literacy, Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM), and social emotional learning. For young adults, EducationWorks provides experiential, on-the-job training, shadowing and career exploration and facilitates youth-led mediation programs.

## **About Arts + Crafts Holdings:**

This exhibition would not be possible without the help of key sponsors, including our partner, Arts + Crafts Holdings, which is generously donating the exhibition space. Arts + Crafts Holdings is located at 990 Spring Garden St. Philadelphia and invests in Philadelphia's creative commercial district. The company revitalizes historic buildings and urban spaces to create an inspired space for entrepreneurs.

## **About Bridgette Mayer Gallery:**

Since its establishment in 2001, the Bridgette Mayer Gallery has represented and exhibited artists whose work displays the variety and genius of contemporary art now being created in the US. The gallery represents artists working in painting, sculpture and photography with an emphasis on innovative process and content-driven ideas that speak to beauty, technology, culture and the contemporary landscape. With a public gallery located at 709 Walnut Street in Philadelphia and an art advisory firm based in Philadelphia and Orlando, Bridgette Mayer is a leader in the Philadelphia arts community, actively partnering with local organizations to support fundraising initiatives and generating opportunities for artists to engage with the public.