ARTIST WOMAN

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Works by Nicole Storm

Curated by Studio Route 29

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FRENCHTOWN, NJ — ArtYard and Studio Route 29 are pleased to announce the opening of *Artist Woman*, a solo exhibition and installation by Oakland-based artist Nicole Storm featuring new work made while in residence with the two organizations in Frenchtown.

Storm is known for her large-scale installations made on found paper and gathered ephemera. Movement figures prominently in Storm's painting process — she dances or walks around, bringing her materials with her. Her two dimensional work emerges through and alongside this engagement with the spaces of her life. In installation, this way of working is reflected by her painting's incursion into/onto the gallery wall. The inclusion of atypical supports like cardboard boxes, folded paper, or packing tubes reflect her roving hand and attention.

Storm has been a practicing artist at Creative Growth in Oakland for over 20 years. Her most recent show at White Columns in New York City was named one of best gallery shows of 2021 by art critic Roberta Smith.

Storm's is the second joint artist residency partnership between ArtYard and Studio Route 29. Artists live and work on ArtYard's campus in Frenchtown while receiving support from Studio Route 29, and engaging with both communities. In the leadup to ArtYard's Aqualumina Festival, Philadelphia artist Em Rea collaborated with community members to build small and large puppets out of post-consumer waste during a two-month residency.

ArtYard's residency program launched seven years ago and has supported over 25 artists in developing new work. ArtYard partners with like-minded organizations to provide technical, financial, and creative support as well as providing housing, studio, and rehearsal space. In addition to Studio Route 29, partners have included Baryshnikov Arts Center, Works & Process LaunchPAD "Process as Destination," and Bearded Ladies Cabaret.

In 2022, ArtYard renovated the first floor of its Bridge Street Residency to be ADA-compliant and purchased a wheelchair ramp which allows the unit to be accessible.

Since Studio Route 29 launched at its former gallery space on Trenton Avenue, ArtYard and Studio Route 29 have collaborated on programming to support a vital, creative, and connected artistic community in Frenchtown and beyond.

VISITOR DETAILS

Artist Woman opens with a reception from 6 to 8 PM on Saturday, Oct. 19.

Also on view:

> *Barrier*, curated by Kaitlin Pomerantz and Lucia Thomé with work by Sandra SK Amoabeng, Matthew Colaizzo, Ghida Dalloul, FORTUNE (Andra Palchick, Heidi Ratanavanich, Connie Yu), Rami George, David L. Johnson, Naomieh Jovin, Zach Ozma, Pallavi Sen, Ivanco Talevski, Kristen Neville Taylor, Levester Williams
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> *Unfinished Verses*, curated by Alexandre Arrechea, with work by Bhakti Baxter, El Celso, Rakeem Cunningham, Rafael Domenech, Fernando Rodriguez Falcon, Nereida García Ferraz, Shizu Saldamando, Paula de Solminihac, Paola Vega, and Tomas Vu.

Public hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 11 AM to 5 PM and until 7 PM on Thursday.

For more information, visit artyard.org.

About ArtYard
ArtYard is an incubator for creative expression and a catalyst for collaborations that reveal the transformational power of art. Its campus includes an arts center featuring exhibition space and a state-of-the-art theater as well as two buildings housing its residency program. To learn more, visit artyard.org.

About Studio Route 29
Studio Route 29 is a progressive art studio that centers the creative practices and perspectives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities as well as a community space that champions inclusion and brings people together in play and creative spirit. To learn more, visit studioreoute29.org.