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Mattress Factory Announces 2016 *Factory Installed* Exhibition

PITTSBURGH, PA (February 24, 2016) – Eight artists have been chosen to present work in *Factory Installed*, a two-part exhibition opening at the Mattress Factory in 2016. The show will open at the museum's 1414 Monterey Street galleries on May 20, 2016, and at the 500 Sampsonia Way galleries on September 30, 2016. Both parts of the exhibition will be on view through 2017.

Participating in *Factory Installed* are David Bowen from Duluth, MN; Stephen Bram from Sydney, Australia; Kevin Clancy from Pittsburgh, PA; Wendy Judge from Dublin, Ireland; Lauren Kalman from Detroit, MI; Ezra Masch from Philadelphia, PA; Christopher Meerdo from Chicago, IL; and Mohammed Musallam from Gaza. Each artist will create a new room-sized installation that will demonstrate a unique approach to the creative process.

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PARTICIPATING ARTISTS 1414 Monterey Street May 20, 2016 - February 12, 2017

David Bowen's work explores the interaction of natural, mechanical and digital systems. He creates mechanisms that produce drawings, sounds and responses to inputs from the natural environment. He received his MFA from the University of Minnesota, has shown his work throughout the world and has been featured in numerous national and international publications. He is currently an Associate Professor of Sculpture and Physical Computing at the University of Minnesota, Duluth.

Kevin Clancy is an interdisciplinary artist who creates accumulative process-based installations, participatory experiences and nomadic social spaces that provide momentary glimpses into utopic possibilities. He has exhibited work at Keleketla! Library, Johannesburg; VIVO Media Arts Centre, Vancouver; Flux Factory, New York; The Children's Museum, Pittsburgh; ILLUMINUS, Boston; and Mobius, Boston. He holds a BFA from Massachusetts College of Art and Design. He has been awarded the Morton R. Godine Travel Fellowship, an Opportunity Grant from the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council, and the Renna Arts Scholarship from the National Endowment for the Arts.



Dublin-based **Wendy Judge**'s installations explore armchair travel and journeys never taken. She studied at Dun Laoghaire College of Art and Design, Dublin and the Fashion Institute of Technology, New York. She has exhibited her work throughout Ireland and the UK, including the National Gallery of Ireland, and the Tate Modern, London; and internationally at Rawson Projects, Brooklyn, and CSV Center, New York.

Lauren Kalman uses contemporary craft, video, photography and performance to investigate beauty, adornment, body image and consumer culture. She holds a MFA from the Ohio State University. She has held numerous residencies and exhibited throughout the United States and internationally, including at the Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian American Art Museum; Contemporary Arts Museum Houston; and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Her video work has also been screened at international film festivals. She is an Assistant Professor at Wayne State University, Detroit.

PARTICIPATING ARTISTS
500 Sampsonia Way
September 30, 2016 - May 28, 2017

Over the last 30 years, Australian artist **Stephen Bram** has created abstract and conceptual works that function in relation to points in space. These include paintings, models, built constructions and commissions both with architects and by public institutions, including the National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, and the Adelaide Biennial of Australian Art. He holds advanced degrees from the Victorian College of the Arts and Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. Well-known in Australia, this is Bram's first exhibition in the United States.

Ezra Masch is an interdisciplinary artist from Philadelphia who combines musical instruments, lights and mechanical and digital systems to create sculpture, installation, sound and performance works. He received a BFA from the Rhode Island School of Design, and a MFA from the University of Texas, Austin. He has exhibited his work throughout the United States and internationally, including exhibitions in Austin, Philadelphia, New York, Moscow and Rome. He currently teaches at the Moore College of Art and Design, Philadelphia.

Christopher Meerdo's work explores ideas of paranoia, entropy and memory through use of data processing, photography, installation and moving images. He holds a MFA from the University of Illinois at Chicago. His work has been shown in numerous locations, including Reykjavik, Nottingham, Seattle, Toronto and New York, with recent solo exhibitions held in Chicago and Jackson, Wyoming. He teaches photography at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.



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Mohammed Musallam holds a MA in Painting from Helwan University, Cairo. He currently resides in Gaza and is a lecturer at the College of Arts, Al Aqsa University. His work includes installation, video and photography focused on the “preservation of our humaneness amid the harshness of our environment.” His work has been exhibited throughout the Middle East and Europe, as well as in the United States. His most recent work, *Fragile Geography*, was exhibited in Greece and France.

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The Mattress Factory is located at 500 Sampsonia Way, Pittsburgh PA 15212. Parking is located at 505 Jacksonia Street. Museum hours are: Tuesday-Saturday from 10am - 5pm, Sunday from 1 - 5pm. Closed Monday. General admission: \$20. Full-time students with a valid ID and visitors ages 62+: \$15. Children 6 and under and Mattress Factory members: FREE. Students with a valid ID from Carnegie Mellon University, Point Park University and University of Pittsburgh: FREE. 15212, 15214 + 15233 Zip Code Residents: Half price admission, ID must be provided. For general information, please call 412.231.3169 or visit mattress.org.