



1977 – 2017: 40 Years of Installation Art

## **Mattress Factory Announces 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event Series**

PITTSBURGH, PA (March 1, 2017) – The Mattress Factory museum has announced MF@40, a series of events that will celebrate the organization's past, present, and future. Founded in 1977, the organization has featured work by more than 650 artists through its 40-year history.

"A Walk Through the Archives," the inaugural MF@40 event, will take place Thursday, March 16 from 6-8pm. Museum Co-Directors Barbara Luderowski and Michael Olijnyk, along with Archivist Sarah Hallett, have selected archival artworks, documentation, and objects that capture the museum's evolution since its founding.

Selected pieces are from installations by Juan R. Diago, Ann Hamilton, Damien Hirst, Kim Jones, Greer Lankton, Kiki Smith, and several others. This will be the first time the majority of these remnants have been on display to the public.

General Admission donation tickets for "A Walk Through the Archives" are \$15, and are free for Mattress Factory Members. Tickets can be purchased at [mattress.org](http://mattress.org). General Admission donation tickets include two drinks, light appetizers, after-hours access to the museum's galleries and guided tours of archival materials. Additional drink tickets will be available for purchase at the event.

Details for two additional MF@40 programs will be announced later this year. All proceeds from this event series will help to support the museum's groundbreaking artist residency program, exhibitions, public programs and educational outreach.

### **ABOUT THE MATTRESS FACTORY**

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The **Mattress Factory** is a museum of contemporary art that presents “art you can get in to” – room-sized environments, created by in-residence artists. Located in the historic Mexican War Streets neighborhood of Pittsburgh’s North Side since 1977, the Mattress Factory is hailed as the best facility for installation art in the United States.

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*The Mattress Factory is located at 500 Sampsonia Way, Pittsburgh PA 15212. Free 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](http://mattress.org).*