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All-New Work by Dennis Maher to Open August 12, 2016

PITTSBURGH, PA (August 8, 2016) – An all-new piece by Buffalo-based artist Dennis Maher will open Friday, August 12, 2016 at the Mattress Factory. The work, titled "A Second Home," fills all three floors of the museum's galleries at 516 Sampsonia Way and will be on view for an undetermined amount of time.

Dennis Maher is an artist, architect and educator. For the past 12 years, his projects have focused on processes of disassembly and reconstitution through drawing, photography, collage and constructions. He is currently a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Architecture at University at Buffalo-SUNY, where he has taught since 2004.

In 2009, Maher established the FARGO HOUSE, a center for the urban imaginary in Buffalo, NY. Exhibitions by Maher have also been presented at such venues as Black and White Gallery and Project Space (Brooklyn, NY), Pulse Miami Art Fair, Real Art Ways (Hartford, CT), Galeria Antoni Pinyol (Reus, Spain), Superfront LA, The Carnegie Center (Covington, KY) and Burchfield Penney Art Center (Buffalo, NY). Maher is a recipient of the Real Art Ways STEP UP Award (2011), the Black and White Project Space Prize (2010), a NYSCA Independent Projects Grant (2010), and a MacDowell Colony Fellowship (2008). He has been identified by the John R. Oishei Foundation as one of the emerging leaders of the city of Buffalo. Maher's work has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Architectural Review*, *ARCHDaily*, *Architect Magazine* and on the national radio program *Smart City Radio*.

An Opening Reception celebration will be held on Friday, August 12 from 6-8pm. Admission is free and all ages are invited to attend.

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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 and Point Park University: 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.