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Jamaica Flux: Workspaces & Windows 2016

JCAL Opening & Press Conference - April 16, 2016

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March 23, 2016, Jamaica, Queens — Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning (JCAL) is pleased to announce the opening of *Jamaica Flux: Workspaces & Windows 2016* at JCAL - 161-04 Jamaica Avenue, on Saturday, April 16 from 2pm – 8 pm. All are invited to the following scheduled opening programs:

2:00–3:00pm: Press conference, JCAL’s auditorium

3:30–5:00pm: Performances and workshops, JCAL’s studios and off-site

5:30–6:30pm: Roundtable with Artists, Writers, and Curators, JCAL’s Gallery

6:30–8:00pm: Artist reception, JCAL’s Gallery

Jamaica Flux is a large-scale exhibition of research-driven, site-specific art installed in everyday locations along Jamaica Avenue. The nineteen commissioned artists and groups include: hannes bend, Adam Brent, Aurora De Armendi, Ayana Evans, Nicholas Fraser, Samantha Holmes, Anna Lise Jensen, Sue Jeong Ka, Kakyong Lee, Rejin Leys, Shervone Neckles, Jeffrey Allen Price, Dominique Sindayiganza, Stan Squirewell, Thiago Szmrecsanyi, Ed Woodham, and three artist collectives; Ellie Irons and Dan Phiffer, John H. Locke and Joaquin Reyes, and Lily & Honglei.

Each artist spent the last few months exploring Jamaica, Queens to create a new site-specific work for this art exhibition. The project provides the artists with resources to produce their experimental art in public realms, actively engaging with community members to increase the public’s access to contemporary art and make it an important and integral part of daily life in our neighborhood. Each artist will present their work at various sites in Downtown Jamaica, Queens. A sitemap of each location will be available at JCAL.

In addition to these artists, a number of professional writers are commissioned to compose a short article on the new art projects. Their writings will be published in the post-exhibition catalog, available at the conclusion of *Jamaica Flux* and its closing event on June 4, 2016 at JCAL at 4pm. The catalog features an interview conducted by Jamaica Flux 2016 Co-Curator Kalia Brooks, with Mary Jane Jacob on socially engaged art practices, in addition to images of the new work, artist’s statements along with bios, and critical writings or reviews. The exhibition’s public programs will be posted and updated on the project’s website: www.jamaicaflux.info.

For more information and press inquiries, please contact jamaicaflux@jcal.org.

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The Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning (JCAL), founded in 1972, is a multidisciplinary arts organization based in the diverse community of Southeast Queens. JCAL has historically supported the creation and presentation of local, emerging, cutting edge and established artists. JCAL devotes its mission to offering quality visual, performing and literary arts, arts education and artist programs to encourage participation in the arts and to contribute to the cultural enrichment of Queens and the Greater Metropolitan area. Under JCAL’s management, the Jamaica Performing Arts Center-JPAC (the former First Reformed Dutch Church of Jamaica) showcases local and national artists and performers at its fully equipped multi-functional performance space with a 23x27 ft. stage, flexible seating for 400, rehearsal space, and high-tech lighting and sound systems.

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