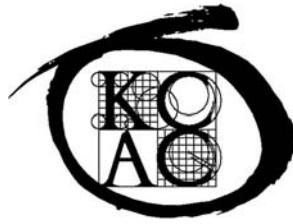


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## The Kansas City Artists Coalition Presents: "Traveling Artists: Speaker Series"

Featuring Shira Silverston, Michael Schonhoff and Meredith Host  
Thursday, January 22, 2009 / 7 – 9PM  
Free to all.

Three LIAEP Grant recipients will discuss their international experiences in a presentation entitled "Traveling Artists: Speaker Series" at 7 p.m. in the Kansas City Artists Coalition. Speakers will include Shira Silverston, visiting artist from Israel; Michael Schonhoff, Kansas City artist that traveled to Berlin; and Meredith Host, member of the Non-Fiction Design Collective, who traveled to Germany. Linda Lighton, head of the Lighton Foundation, will introduce the speakers. The participating artists were able to pursue their international experiences thanks to the help of to the Lighton Foundation and the Kansas City Artists Coalition. The Lighton International Artists Exchange Program (LIAEP) began in 2002 with a generous grant from the Lighton Fund to the Kansas City Artists Coalition. As of 2008, 68 artists have received grants for projects around the globe.

### **MORE ON SHIRA SILVERSTON**

Shira, ceramic artists from Israel, will converse about her visit to Kansas City and the series of work she has completed while working here. Shira has been working out of Red Star Studios Ceramic Center where she has expanded her horizons by mutual exchange with local artists and the community. Shira conducted a special ceramic workshop for the children of Kansas City and will share the experience and results of the project during the presentation.

### **MORE ON MEREDITH HOST AND THE NON-FICTION DESIGN COLLECTIVE**

As collectives are a current movement in the fine art world but virtually non-existent in the ceramic field, Non-Fiction Design Collective, stands at the forefront in the world of ceramics. The Collective was invited by the Porcelain Society of the Saxon Porcelain Manufactory of Dresden in Germany to participate in celebrating the 300<sup>th</sup> year of the European discovery of porcelain. Members of the Collective worked

together in the factory to create pieces using the factory's historic molds. Meredith Host, Non-Fiction Design Collective member, will speak about the trip and the experience of working and having access to an amazing historic facility.

#### **MORE ON MICHAEL SCHONHOFF**

Michael Schonhoff, curator and artist from Kansas City, traveled to East Berlin, Germany where he took part in the artists residency and exhibition program at Takt Kunstprojektraum. Michael will discuss how his trip has broadened his understanding of being an American artist and will share some of his experiences through images.

#### **ABOUT THE KANSAS CITY ARTISTS COALITION**

The Kansas City Artists Coalition (KCAC), an artist-centered, artist-run alternative space, presents a variety of contemporary visual art exhibitions in its Mallin Gallery, Jacqueline B. Charno Gallery and the Underground. The Artists Coalition also provides opportunities for artists including grants, panel discussions, publications, programs and workshops, as well as, the Annual Benefit Art Auction, Artist Toolkits, the Lighton International Artists Exchange Program (LIAEP), Open Studios and the River Market Regional Exhibition. The Artists Coalition was created to change the lives of Kansas City visual artists and to promote visual arts awareness and artistic culture in the Midwest and the surrounding region.

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