

122 Conversations: Person to Person: Art Beyond Borders

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Exhibition Details

This project is a gesture of friendship created to bridge communities and cultures. It is in this spirit that I send the project to the people of Växjö. Please know that I have made every effort to make the transportation and installation of the artwork as easy as possible.

It is in the spirit of community kindness and friendship that I send suggested directions. The installers are welcome to use their own judgment to make any adjustments for any reason.

Please contact me via WhatsApp, Facebook or Skype during installation or to assist in any way.

Documentation is very important to the exhibition and the iPod is crucial to this. Any video and photos taken during will become a part of the exhibition online and in Duluth USA. Detailed instructions on operation of the iPod are below.

I encourage you to send the iPod on a tour with a friend, to their home, studio, event or just in the city. It would be wonderful if you could capture life in Rania so it can be shared with people in the other sister cities.

Suitcase Inventory List

The following directions are intended to assist with setup of 122 Conversations. The contents of the suitcase are as follows:

For the Exhibition

Scrolls from 6 countries packed in 6 tubes. Each tube contains 2 paintings

Växjö
Rania
Petrozavodsk
Duluth
Thunder Bay
Ohara Isumi-City

In addition there is:

- Scroll Paintings, 1 tube with 3 paintings
Under the Night Sky
We Need More Love
- 1 tube containing large signs
- 2 large Tyvek Aprons with stickers on pockets
- Stickers for children's apron
- Tyvek tiles
- Stickers with painting images
- Box of felt-tip markers
- Box of tacks
- Ipod and tripod
- Labels
- Pens to use for signs
- Sticky tac

Additional items

- Official gift: landscape painting wrapped in silver. Please present
- 122 Conversations cards
- Gift cards (please give them all away to whomever you wish)
- Labovitz information pack (grey envelope in suitcase pocket)

Directions

- The following instructions are offered as guidelines.
- Labels are designed to be used for translating information about the exhibition directly on the label. Please do this before installing the exhibition. I have included felt-tip markers.
- Please also translate directly onto the exhibition banners in the space provided.
- Do not worry about the handwriting. The act of handwriting is intentional and will be beautiful because is it human and can be done however the translator feels most comfortable.
- The handprint indicates that people are welcome and invited to touch the work.

Sister City Inspired Paintings

Materials provided: 12 paintings packed around 6 tubes with tacks for hanging.

Installation: Each sister cities is the inspiration for two paintings. The 6 packing tubes are labeled with the city the pair of paintings represent. Each pair (diptych) should be hung close together, approximately 7 to 13 cm apart. The paintings can be hung vertically using the grommets attached to the four corners of the painting using the tacks provided. If possible, leave 25 to 100 cm or more between each set of paintings. Attach matching city label next to each set of paintings with translation written on the labels. *Please note measurements are approximate.* Some paintings are longer and some are shorter.

***Inspired by Rania, Iraq
Kurdistan, 2017***

*Acrylic on Tyvek
2 sections each 520 cm by 60 cm*

***Inspired by Duluth, Minnesota,
USA, 2017***

*Acrylic on Tyvek
2 sections each 520 cm by 60 cm*

***Inspired by Ohara Isumi-City,
Japan, 2017***

*Acrylic on Tyvek
2 sections each 520 cm by 60 cm*

***Inspired by Petrozavodsk,
Russia, 2017***

*Acrylic on Tyvek
2 sections each 520 cm by 60 cm*

***Inspired by Thunder Bay,
Canada, 2017***

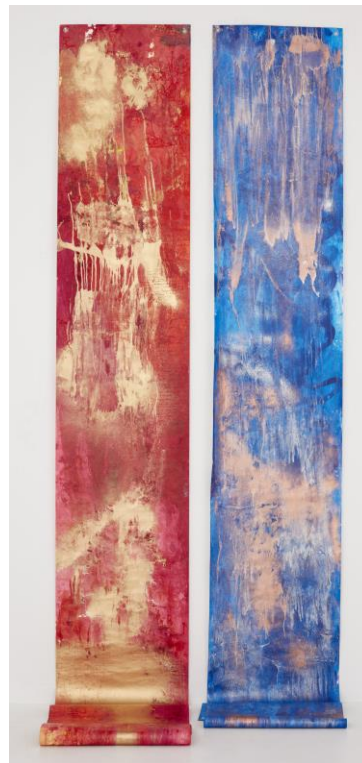
*Acrylic on Tyvek
2 sections each 520 cm by 60 cm*

Inspired by Växjö, Sweden, 2017

*Acrylic on Tyvek
2 sections each 520 cm by 60 cm*



Inspired by Rania



Inspired by Duluth



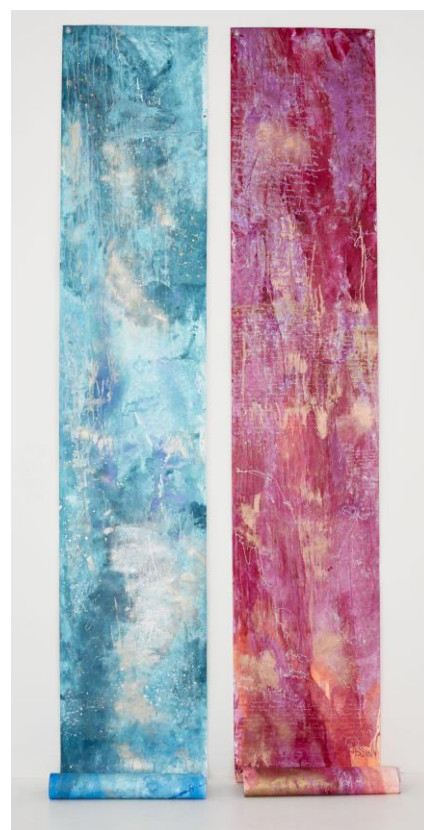
Inspired By Ohara Isumi-City



Inspired by Petrozavodsk



Inspired by Thunder Bay



Inspired By Växjö

Choices, 2015

Materials provided: 2 Tyvek aprons, colored Tyvek tiles, tacks, multi-colored felt-tip markers, Tyvek wall pockets.

Installation:

1. Place ½ provided colored Tyvek tiles in pockets of apron.
2. Designate wall space for tiles to be displayed.
3. Place markers and colored Tyvek tiles on table.
4. Place provided label on wall next to displayed tiles.

Choices is a participatory element. **Everyone** is invited to choose a colored tile from the pockets of a Tyvek apron. This apron can be tacked to the wall or worn if a volunteer is willing. The apron is decorated with photos created by the Canadian public during Choices in 2015. They will be thrilled to know their writings and stories have traveled all the way to you in Rania! After choosing a tile, each person is encouraged to draw a picture, sign their name, or share a story. Each completed tile is then tacked wherever the person chooses on the wall for display (see pictures below).





All Sign Together

Materials provided: 2 Tyvek sheets measuring 102 cm by 102 cm, colored felt-tip markers, small stickers

Installation:

1. Place one Tyvek sheet and markers on table.
2. Place provided label on table on wall nearby.
3. Small stickers to be placed on table. Everyone please take a sticker as a thank you!

Please invite every person who attends the show to sign his or her name! Feel free to begin with big writing! Write RANIA across the entire sheet, PEACE or whatever you feel called to do. After about 3 weeks, or once it is covered with names, turn it over and ask visitors to write on the back. When both sides are full, please replace it with a second sheet. If possible, please email photos of the image to me each week. These handwritten signatures will be carried to the next city and eventually Duluth where all signatures from the sister cities will be displayed.



Reflections by six Mayors

Materials provided: flash drive with video, wall label, banner

Installation:

1. Designate area for video to be played.
2. Play on a loop either on an electronic screen or projected onto wall.
3. Place wall label nearby.

40 minute video compilation of interviews with all 6 Sister City mayors: <https://vimeo.com/195748843>



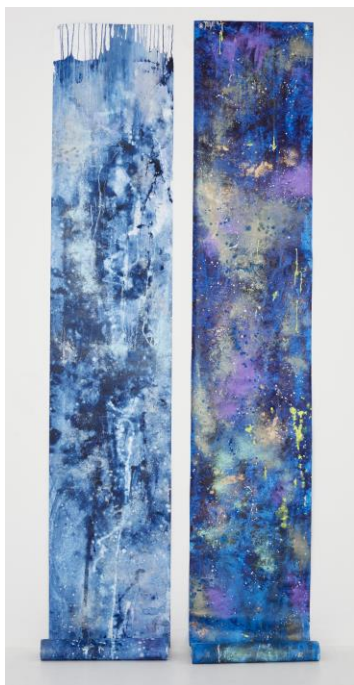
United Under the Night Sky I & II, acrylic on Tyvek, 60 cm x 762 cm, 2017

&

We Need More Love, acrylic on Tyvek, 60 cm x 520 cm, 2017

Materials provided: 3 paintings wrapped around one tube.

Installation: using tacks pin horizontally on a wall using the eyelets in the corners of the painting. You can also tack directly into the middle portion of the painting to help it stay flat on the wall. Two paintings created specifically for Rania. Titles are written on back of each paintings. Wall labels are provided.



Exhibition Bag

Materials provided: Custom made Tyvek bag by Suy Path used to transport all materials in exhibition.

Installation: Display bag on table or other location of your choice!



IPod and tripod

Materials provided: 1. IPod 2. Tripod 3. Electrical cord

Set-up: Place iPod upon tripod in a location with the best view to video events. Alternatively a volunteer can do the video hand-held. IPod code: 1222

Start documenting immediately! As you are unpacking! I am happy for Michelle to take photos of anything and everyone and all the time or leave it in the place, or have a student or young person do some documenting of the city and its people. Have fun with it!

All photos, videos and livestream will be uploaded automatically if connected to Wi-Fi.

To connect to Wi-Fi: Unlock iPod with code (1222). Press icon labeled 'Settings'. Press 'Wi-Fi'. Select available Wi-Fi and sign in.

To take photos: Unlock iPod with code (1222) and press camera icon. The word 'PHOTO' should show in the bottom center of screen highlighted. Take pictures by pressing the white round button on the screen. Take photos vertically, horizontally. The photos are automatically saved to the cloud. Document the arrival at the airport, the unpacking, the installation, everything!

To take video: Unlock iPod with code (1222) and press camera icon. Swipe screen to change highlight from 'PHOTO' to 'VIDEO'. Press round red button to begin videoing. Press again to end video. Videos are also uploaded to the cloud automatically, but depending on broadband may take some time.

To Livestream: Unlock iPod with code (1222). Press Livestream icon on bottom of screen. When ready to record, press video camera icon in top right of screen. Press large red circle to begin recording. When finished press icon on the right of the screen, red square within white circle. It will ask you if you are finished recording. Enter a title for the post if desired and description. For example, if you are livestreaming the installation you can title the post "Unpacking the exhibition bag!" You can further describe the activity by saying, "The bag has arrived and we are looking forward to getting the exhibition installed." When finished press Post which is found in the upper right hand corner of the screen. The video will automatically upload to the livestreaming 122 Conversations website! This is the best option for video if you have internet access!

Any questions about any of the instructions or materials, please feel free to email, Facebook, Skype or text via WhatsApp. I would love to help in any way I can! Heartfelt thank you to everyone in Rania helping to make this possible?

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