



The 9/11 Arts Project
Healing 10 Years Later

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"Ten Years After 9/11"

The Pepco Edison Place Gallery
702 Eighth Street, NW (entrance on 8th between G and H Streets)
August 23 - September 30, 2011
Opening Reception: September 8, 7-9 p.m.

"Ten Years After 9/11" is an exhibition featuring the work of thirty-nine international artists commemorating the tenth anniversary of the event of September 11, 2001.

Co-curators Helen Frederick and William Dunlap were determined to create a venue for artists to show work made in response to and in the wake of the cataclysmic events of 9/11. "It's not that artists were any more or less effected by the events of 9/11 than anyone else," says William Dunlap. "The difference is that they respond by making concrete objects that want to be seen."

As Frederick and Dunlap explain, they curated the artists not specific artworks. In that light, *"Ten Years After 9/11"* gives voice to artists from Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Russia, Ireland, Germany and the United States, each bringing their personal perspectives and unique viewpoints to the cultural conversation. According to Frederick "the exhibition explores how a rupture has been recorded, filtered, transformed and translated into powerful works of art over the past ten years."

"Ten Years After 9/11" opens to the public on August 23rd with a reception Thursday September 8, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at The Pepco Edison Place Gallery, 702 Eighth Street, NW. On September 11 at 4 p.m. Kurt Steger's *Burden Boat Project* will engage the public in a water-cleansing ceremony in the Kogod Courtyard between the National Portrait Gallery and the Smithsonian American Art Museum, 750 9th Street, NW. The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities presents Blend: *Recording/Responding to Loss and Recovery*, a special evening of performances followed by a panel discussion with participating artists moderated by Helen Frederick, takes place at the Pepco Edison Place Gallery on Tuesday September 13, 6-8 p.m.

The artists invited to exhibit are: Saadi Al Kaabi, Ahmed Alkarkhi, Shahla Arbabi, Ken Ashton, Billy Colbert, Combat Papermakers/Drew Cameron, Brian Counihan, Frank Hallam Day, Joan Danziger, Alexander Djikia, Bill Dunlap, William Dunlap, Michael D. Fay, Helen Frederick, Chawky Frenn, Ann Glover, Alison Hall, Pinkney Herbert, Victor Juhasz, Jeffrey Kent, Bridget Sue Lambert, Adam Lister, Despina Meimaroglou, Michael Pestel, Matt Pinney, Michael B. Platt, Phyllis Plattner, Annette Polan, Raoul Middleman, David Richardson, Patrick Sargent, Brian Sentman, Peter Sowiski, Kurt Steger, Erwin Thamm, Leonid Tishkov, Sean Watkins, Sue Wrbican, and Workingman's Collective.

Press preview with Helen Frederick, William Dunlap and artists will take place on August 23rd at 10 a.m. in The Pepco Edison Place Gallery.

For a full list of The 9/11 Arts Project's events, initiated by Smith Center for Healing and the Arts, visit www.911artsproject.com.