

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: **The Contemporary Art Modern Project**

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The CAMP Gallery and FAMA partner with MoCA Westport for the return of *Women Pulling at the Threads of Social Discourse*.

The seminal collaboration between CAMP and FAMA, first exhibited in 2020, will be on display in Westport, Connecticut this summer, exposing social and cultural vulnerabilities in women's rights, past and present.

JUNE 1, 2021, Miami, FL. — The Contemporary Art Modern Project (CAMP) and Fiber Artists Miami Association (FAMA) are partnering with the Museum of Contemporary Art in Westport, CT. for a forty-artist exhibition held at MoCA from June 30–September 4, 2022. The exhibition, a textile survey of the ways in which gender, culture, and sociopolitics intersect, was the inaugural collaboration for CAMP and FAMA's annual exhibition, *Women Pulling at the Threads of Social Discourse*, in 2020.

Inspired by the gendered history of textile and fiber work and seeking to both open dialogue and democratize access to artistic practice, *Women Pulling at the Threads of Social Discourse* sees topics such as capitalism's effect on the body; the interplay of race and gender in fine art; reproductive justice; bodily autonomy; ageism; immigration and displacement explored through textiles. The result is a subversion of textiles' perceived nature—soft, easy, women's busy work—birthed from poignant and biting, sometimes jarring, social commentary.

In this edition, both CAMP and FAMA have been invited by Ruth Mannes, Liz Leggett, and the board of Westport's MoCA to bring a new edition, new works, and new artists using mixed media and the fiber arts to ignite positive social change. Our collective revisiting of the inaugural collaboration, which coincided with the centennial of the women's vote in the United States and 2020's election season, has been expanded to artists in the Northeastern United States in order to explore the ways in which dialogues change across space within an eclectic national identity. Supporting Programming will be part of MoCA Westport's Cocktails & Conversation series, featuring an ongoing line-up of speakers relevant to the exhibition on Thursday evenings. Speakers begin at 6 PM sharp, so please arrive early to purchase a custom cocktail and to experience the exhibition.

"The timeliness of this exhibition is not lost in the obvious, but becomes another rung in the continual search for equality. At the time of the original exhibition's opening on September 19, 2020, we mourned the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. As we approach 2022's [opening], we worry about the possible overturning of *Roe v. Wade*—that a right awarded in our lifetime would teeter on the balance of being revoked, turning reproductive and body rights over to a moral minority instead of the individual," says CAMP founder, Melanie Prapopoulos.

*The opening reception for **Women Pulling at the Threads of Social Discourse** at MoCA Westport will be held on June 30, 2022 from 6–8 PM. The event is free and open to the public.*

Artists Included In the Exhibition

Laetitia Adam-Rabel, Alissa Alfonso, Carlos Bautista Biernnay, Nancy Billings, Liene Bosquê, Pip Brant, Carola Bravo, Mabelin Castellanos, Melissa Dadourian, Camille Eskell, Susan Feliciano, Molly Gambardella, Amy Gelb, Joseph Ginsberg, Jac Lahav, Maria Lino, Laura Marsh, Sooo-z Mastropietro, Caitlin McCormack, Shelly McCoy, Jeanne Jaffe & Molly McGreevy, Norma Minkowitz, Aurora Molina, Valeria Montag, Chiara No, Evelyn Politzer, Rosana Machado Rodriguez, Alina Rodriguez Rojo, Damian Rojo, Margaret Roleke, Debora Rosental, Rosario Salazar, Yolanda Sanchez, Natalia Schonowski, Leslie Sheryll, Silvana Soriano, Maru Ulivi, Rita Valley, Lisu Vega, Laura Villareal, Joan Wheeler, Silvia Yapur, and Wendy Wahl.

The Contemporary Art Modern Project (The CAMP Gallery)

thecampgallery.com

The Contemporary Art Modern Project Gallery specializes in art advisory and contemporary art with a focus on emerging and mid-career artists working in: installation, painting, photography, sculpture, textiles, and video art with a specific direction of both self and worldly reflection. Looking at art, as a whole, through a reactionary and interdisciplinary approach, the gallery covers the ever-populating notion of society and life in general through art and curation, offering a creative space both in the gallery and out—where creativity and reality co-exist.

The Contemporary Art Modern Project Miami

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The Contemporary Art Modern Project Westport

190 Main Street, Westport, CT 06880

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Gallery Hours

Tuesday to Saturday 12pm - 5pm

Fiber Artists Miami Association (FAMA)

fiberartists-miamiassociation.com

With the goal of the education of and the advancement of fiber arts in Miami or abroad, Fiber Arts Miami Association came into being during the onset of COVID-19 as three artist:s , Alina Rodriguez

Rojo, Aurora Molina, and Evelyn Politzer began organizing socially engaged virtual workshops that united people using the healing power of thread-based work. The group formed a link through daily embroidery, weaving, and recyclable materials workshops. This daily communion was the impetus or the ultimate trigger for Molina, Politzer, and Rojo to mobilize and create FAMA, an artist-initiated group that educates, advances, and elevates textile traditions and contemporary fiber techniques.

Museum of Contemporary Art Westport

mocawestport.org

MoCA Westport is a non-profit visual and performing arts organization that has been a cornerstone of the Westport, Connecticut community for over 50 years. In 2019, MoCA Westport underwent a significant expansion in order to bring extensive programming to the local community and greater New York and New England regions. MoCA Westport is a destination for contemporary visual arts exhibitions, music performances, and comprehensive arts education. Their mission is to build a deeper understanding of, and passion for, the arts by presenting thought-provoking and relevant arts experiences. In addition to hosting contemporary art exhibitions and performing arts events, The Academy at MoCA Westport provides arts and wellness classes for all ages, a pre- school and elementary school academic and arts enrichment program, and Camp MoCA, a weekly summer day camp.

MoCA Westport

19 Newtown Turnpike, Westport, CT 06880

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Gallery Hours

Monday & Tuesday | Closed

Wednesday | 12PM – 4PM

Thursday | 12PM – 7PM

Friday | 12PM – 4PM

Saturday & Sunday | 12PM – 4PM

