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chashama Open Studios: Garment District Arts Festival

chashama 441 West 37th Street

Friday, October 21, 6-9pm and Saturday, October 22, 1-6pm

New York, NY: The chashama Studio Artists at 441 West 37th Street open their studios to the public during the thirteenth annual Garment District Arts Festival, organized by the Garment District Alliance (GDA). The public can tour the studios, meet the artists, and view works-in-progress during the open hours. Participating artists at the Midtown West location include Julie Bahn, Suejin Jo, Seunghwui Koo, Jill Slaymaker, and Gregory Russel. The artists' studios will be open to guests on Friday, October 21, from 6-9pm and Saturday, October 22, from 1-6pm.

For more information about the event and the artists, please visit

<http://www.chashama.org/event/GDAFopenstudios>.

chashama is participating in the Garment District Arts Festival 2016 with chashama 441 Open Studios and by curating the Broadway Plazas between West 38th and West 40th Streets. Performances, installations and activities at the plazas by PIPORNOT, Burning Clown Productions, Colby Cannon Welsh, Dan Danger, and The Ume Group. For more information please visit

http://www.chashama.org/event/garment_district_arts_festival_2016.

Melissa Lockwood, designer of IQTEST, currently has an exhibition at the chashama 266 W 37th Street location. During the Garment District Arts Festival, Friday, October 20-Saturday, October 22, the exhibition will be open to the public 10am-5pm. On Saturday, October 22 from 1-4 pm, join Melissa Lockwood for a fashion show presenting garments made with Garment District off-cuts, during her time sewing at Open Hours. "Compressed Space" is on view 24/7 through the storefront window until October 31.

chashama's Workspace Program gives visual and performing artists access to studio and rehearsal space within a supportive environment. By also providing financial support, professional development workshops, and visiting curator opportunities, we deeply invest in giving each of our artists the chance to succeed. With 126 artists, our Workspace Program is one of the largest studio residency programs in New York City.

chashama, which means "to have vision" in Farsi, partners with property owners to activate unused real estate for artists to develop, create and present. Currently, chashama manages over 125 artist studios, six galleries, five curated office lobbies, two performance venues, and provides affordable artist housing. A connector of art and real estate since 1995, chashama has placed more than 12,000 artists into over 60 locations around New

York City, becoming the largest provider of affordable space for creative use. To learn more, visit www.chashama.org

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