

## The 22nd Annual Gowanus Open Studios (GOS) is Oct 20-21, 2018 Studios Open from 12-6pm Kick Off Party Friday, Oct 19 hosted by Vanderbilt Republic at Gowanus Loft

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The weekend of October 20-21, Gowanus once again will be host to one of Brooklyn's biggest celebrations of local art and artists. Nearly 400 Gowanus artists and venues will open their doors to public, offering the rare, free opportunity to meet the artists, explore a variety of spaces, and see up close the wide-range of art being created in this vibrant and creative neighborhood.

Gowanus Open Studios 2018 has a record number of participating artists and a growing roster of sponsors, including Investors Bank, Lumena Aesthetics, The Bell House, Threes Brewing, and more. In its 22nd year, GOS has become not only a vehicle to drive awareness of local artists but also a chance to showcase the spirit of Gowanus as a whole.

"It is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, build the creative community, and support local artists. Without this annual event, the presence of artists in Gowanus would not be felt in such a powerful way, where we all come together to make this amazing thing happen," explains Amy Williams, Arts Gowanus Deputy Director.

Justin Israelson, co-owner of Threes Brewing, says, "The fact that an organization like Arts Gowanus even exists is a testament not only to the thriving creative class in our neighborhood but also demonstrative of the support that those in our community have for one another. We are proud to play whatever role we can in helping them advocate for the insanely talented artists in our area."

Visitors to GOS 2018 are welcome to go from studio to studio in any order, designing their own tours of the spaces. An online directory and map offer background on artists and a walking guide to the neighborhood. A select group of New York City artists will highlight some of their top picks in a series of '10 Studios to Visit During GOS 2018.' Contributors include: Artists Jules De Balincourt, Trudy Benson, Todd Bienvenu, and Lydia Johnson; Gallery Directors and Curators Peter Luke Colon from DC Moore

Gallery, Henry Chung and Robert Walden of Robert Henry Gallery.

## 2018 Highlights include:

- 400 + participating artists
- Group shows at The Gowanus Dredgers Boathouse, 365 Bond, The Yard, Threes Brewing, and 'The Ceramics Hub' at Shapeshifter Lab
- <u>Kick off Party</u> hosted by Vanderbilt Republic at Gowanus Loft, Oct 19, 6-9pm, featuring artwork by Dale Williams
- Closing Party for the artists and volunteers hosted by Threes Brewing, Oct 21, 6-9pm

## **Getting There**

Gowanus is located at the juncture of Park Slope and Carroll Gardens, near Cobble Hill, Boerum Hill and adjacent to Red Hook. You can get to Gowanus Open Studios by foot, bike, kayak, bus, LIRR, car and subway (take the F, G or R to 4th Ave/9th Street Station, or the R to Union Street, or the F or G to Bergen or Carroll).

## **About Arts Gowanus**

GOS 2018 is presented by Arts Gowanus, a non-profit organization, an organization of artists and arts organizations working together to support each other, to connect to our community, and to ensure the Gowanus Canal neighborhood continues to be a thriving and creative community of art-makers and art-appreciators.

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