

SMITHSONIAN CRAFT SHOW 2018

Asian Influence/American Design

April 26-29

FACT SHEET

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WHAT:

The Smithsonian Women's Committee presents the 36th annual Smithsonian Craft Show, featuring 120 premier American artists chosen from a pool of approximately 1,000 applicants. For the first time, the show will highlight Asian cultural influence on American crafts. Many of today's top U.S. artists creating cutting-edge art are reconnecting American modernism to its roots in Asian culture. The show seeks to engage the public through educational and artistic components that complement the theme "Asian Influence/American Design."

WHEN:

Preview Night:

Invitation-only reception and first dibs on shopping

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:30 pm

Craft Show:

Thursday, April 26 - Sunday, April 29, 2018

Thursday 10:30 am - 8:00 pm

Friday/Saturday 10:30 am - 5:30 pm

Sunday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friends Night Out:

Fun, shopping and signature drinks by notable DC mixologists.

Thursday 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

WHERE:

National Building Museum

401 F Street, NW, Washington DC 20001

Metro Red Line – Judiciary Square Station

TICKETS:

Preview Night \$250

Daily admission - includes program \$20

Friends Night Out* \$25*

Advance online tickets \$17

Two-day pass \$30

* Cash bar and complimentary appetizers with general admission, or a \$25 ticket includes a complimentary cocktail.

BACKGROUND:

This nationally recognized event is an opportunity to connect with major craft artists who are leaders in their respective media. Serious collectors and casual visitors alike will find one-of-a-kind works of art in all price ranges.

The selected works represent 12 media: basketry, ceramics, decorative fiber, furniture, glass, jewelry, leather, metal, mixed media, paper, wearable art and wood.

Jurors who selected the 2018 artists are: Bruce Helander, independent art critic and writer, curator, artist; Jane Milosch, Director, Smithsonian Provenance Research Initiative and curator; Shoji Satake, Asst. Professor in Ceramics, West Virginia University.

The Smithsonian Craft Show is produced by the Smithsonian Women's Committee. Since 1966, the Committee has awarded nearly \$12 million in competitive grants funded from proceeds of our craft shows to the Smithsonian's 19 museums and galleries, nine research facilities, traveling exhibits and the National Zoo.

[For more information, visit www.smithsoniancraftshow.org](http://www.smithsoniancraftshow.org)