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**THE 2024 COHORT OF RESIDENT ARTISTS ANNOUNCED AS
FIRST FRIDAYS AND OTHER EXCITING SPRING EVENTS BEGIN
AT CHERRY STREET PIER**

The former Municipal Pier 9 is one of the only public parks in the country designed to serve as both a public space and an incubator for artists of all mediums from painting, digital art and photography, to performance and culinary arts.



PHILADELPHIA, PA (March, 2024) – Cherry Street Pier, currently celebrating its 5th Anniversary Season and swiftly becoming one of the City of Philadelphia’s most visited arts destinations, is pleased to welcome in a new cohort of resident artists this spring. Sixteen (16) artists and organizations make up the 2024 class, including many favorite returning artists in addition to a number of exciting newcomers.

Each year, through the Waterfront Arts Program, The Delaware River Waterfront Corporation selects artists from diverse mediums and invites them to join a one-year residency in shipping container studios on Cherry Street Pier. Through the program, the studio space is subsidized, so that Cherry Street Pier can serve as an incubator and maker space for fledgling, homegrown Philadelphia artists.

This year's artists include painters, arts educators, fiber artists, illustrators, photographers, printmakers, video artists and more.

They are:

[Termite TV Collective](#): Video Art, Projection, and Community Media

[SpArc Services](#): Multidisciplinary Arts Program*

[Kara Mshinda](#) and [Santé Johnson](#) (GrioXArts): Mixed Media, Photography, Textile, Embroidery

[Athena Scott](#): Painting, Drawing, Mixed Media Portraits*

[Michael Thomas](#): Acrylic and Oil on Canvas*

[Ana Thorne](#): Graphic Designer, Illustrator, Textiles*

[Thomcat 23](#): Illustration, Comic Book Art*

[Becky de Maul](#) (Philly Otaku): CosPlay Photography and Events*

[Walls for Justice](#): Mural Painting and Social Justice*

[Jillian M. Rock](#) (Rock Press Studio): Multidisciplinary Artist

[Amy Kelly](#) (4 and 7 Arts) : Watercolor, Colored Pencil, Yarn, Education*

[Caroline Stoughton](#): Oil and Acrylic Painter

[Cassie Jones](#) (The Craft Coven): Arts and Art Education*

[Christian Gaehde](#): Drawing and Printmaking

[Bonnie MacAllister](#): Fiber Artist*

*denotes returning artists

Visitors to Cherry Street Pier have the opportunity to get to know the artists a little more through *Studio Sessions*. *Studio Sessions* is a 15-part social media video series featuring vignettes of each member of the 2024/2025 Cherry Street Pier artist cohort at work in their studios while highlighting their styles. The videos will be released once a week beginning on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, on the Pier's social media accounts ([Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [X](#)). The series will launch with a brief interview about the Pier's unique, creative community with Delaware River Waterfront Corporation (DRWC) Creative Director Sarah Eberle. The series will also be available at [CherryStreetPier.com](#).

Cherry Street Pier will be abuzz this spring with exciting events including the much anticipated return of First Fridays with new presenting sponsor, Fulton Bank.

“Cherry Street Pier invests in the arts community, creating a home and a foundation for so many exciting Philadelphia artists and arts organizations. As supporters and lovers of the arts at Fulton Bank, we are proud to join that effort and excited to bring Philadelphians and visitors alike closer to the incredible artists who call Philadelphia their home,” said Andy Agger, commercial market executive, Fulton Bank.

Spring events and happenings at Cherry Street Pier are:

DRWC Staff Exhibition

Enjoy a selection of works across various mediums and artistic practices from the talented [DRWC staff and board members](#). On display now through March 31.

The Eggy Art Show curated by Craft Coven

Exploring the theme of '[Eggy](#),' Craft Coven founder and CEO (Craft Experience Organizer) [Cassie Jones](#), along with other Coven members, will depict broad interpretations of the theme in mediums like paint, fired clay, metals, paper mache, and fiber arts. On display now through March 31.

Women in Business: Live panel, market and networking mixer

Join Walls for Justice for a one day event on Saturday, March 23 from 12-4pm and gain invaluable insights on leveraging art in business, forging meaningful relationships, and joining our creative community.

Artist and Artisans Market

Support local artists, creatives, and entrepreneurs at the Artist and Artisans Market. Pick up one-of-a-kind finds at this [one-stop shopping experience](#). Spring/summer market dates are: Fridays, April 5, June 7, July 5, and August 2.

Philly Otaku Fest

Enjoy a fun-filled weekend of cosplay, vendors, gaming, food trucks, and more. Explore more than 70 vendors in the Artist Alley and Dealers row, guest Cosplay stars, go head to head with free play and tournaments set up by Origin of Play and join the CosPlay Parade on April 12 through 14.

Mercado Cultural

Join us for El Mercado Cultural at Cherry Street Pier for a series of spring and summer markets presented in collaboration with Fleisher. Shop from vendors, enjoy tasty bites, and enjoy rotating entertainment and hand on workshops.

Candid Cosplay by Rebecca de Maul (Philly Otaku)

Photographer Rebecca de Maul explores the cosplay community with a series of photographs capturing the diverse and welcoming environment of the Cosplay Communities. On display April 5 through April 28.

Ongoing Installations

Don't miss our two installations in the garden. *Pavel* the octopus by Kelly Lawler welcomes visitors to the garden at Cherry Street Pier. *Pavel* was created with the goal of bringing joy to all, exploring themes of gift giving, the power of colors, and love. In addition, Austen Camille's *Here, twice a day, we are held by the ocean*, a large-scale augmented reality animation over the Delaware River, featuring music by Philadelphia's ENAensemble is viewable from the east end of the garden. This AR experience invites viewers to immerse themselves in nature.

Spring Art Star Craft Bazaar

Always a favorite, the Art Star Craft Bazaar returns to Cherry Street Pier on May 11 and May 12

from 11am-5pm. Explore more than 60 curated craft vendors, and make-and-takes by Nimble Craft, Janell Wysock (all weekend) and Cassie Jones, of the Craft Coven, (Sunday Only).

Open Studios

See the Pier's cohort of [resident artists](#) at work in their studios and purchase an original piece of artwork in person or by visiting the [Artist Shop](#).

Art Classes with Amy Kelly (CSP Resident Artist)

- **Adult Workshop:** A workshop geared toward adults exploring various art forms such as an introduction to Crochet, drawing, and watercolor, as well as learning the art of making upcycled jewelry and crafts. Dates: March 8 and March 15 from 7 pm – 8:30 pm
- **Kids Art Class:** For kids ages 5-11 years old. Dates: March 2 and March 16 from 10 am – 11:30 am; March 7 and March 18 from 5 pm – 6:30 pm
- **Teen Art Class:** Dates: March 6 from 5 pm – 8:30 pm
- **Portfolio Prep:** Teen portfolio prep classes focused on helping students build an art portfolio for high school or college. Dates: March 13 from 5 pm – 7 pm
- **Mommy and Me Class:** Enjoy an art lesson with your little one. Dates: March 5 from 5 pm – 6:30 pm

Registration is required. Learn more and register with Amy by emailing 47earrings@gmail.com.

Workshops with Bonnie MacAllister

- **Saturday, March 30:** Embroidery Workshop, 1 pm. Cost: \$25. [Register today](#).
- **Saturday, May 11, and Sunday, May 12:** Botanical Dye Workshop, 12 pm – 4 pm. Bundle dye with wildflowers and natural botanicals Mother's Day Weekend. Cost \$25. [Register Today](#).

Workshops with Craft Coven

- Saturday, March 16: [Batik Dyed Eggs with artist Cassie Jones](#), 1 pm – 3 pm. Cost: \$55.

To learn more about these, and other exciting programming, visit www.cherrystreetpier.com.

ABOUT CHERRY STREET PIER'S FUNDING

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PHOTOS

Photos can be accessed in the press room [here](#). Please reach out to Nicole Paloux of Red Balloon Communications, our press contact listed above, for the password to download and permission to

publish images.

CHERRY STREET PIER ON SOCIAL

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ABOUT THE DELAWARE RIVER WATERFRONT CORPORATION

DRWC is a 501(c)(3) created in January 2009, exclusively for the benefit of the City of Philadelphia and its citizens. The fundamental purpose of DRWC is to design, develop, program and maintain public amenities such as permanent and seasonal parks, trails, and streetscape improvements to transform the waterfront into a vibrant destination for recreational, cultural, and commercial activities for the residents and visitors of Philadelphia as is consistent with the goals of the Master Plan for the Central Delaware. Daily programming throughout the entire year is changing the way Philadelphians see and converse about the waterfront, and is helping to create spaces and communities that connect residents and visitors to the waterfront.

ABOUT FULTON BANK, N.A.

Headquartered in Lancaster, Pa., Fulton Bank is a premier community bank in the Mid-Atlantic region. As a subsidiary of Fulton Financial Corporation, a \$27 billion financial services holding company, Fulton Bank offers a broad array of products and services at more than 200 financial centers across Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia. At Fulton Bank, we seek to change lives for the better by building strong customer relationships, providing significant community support and empowering more than 3,400 employees to do the same. Through the [Fulton Forward®](#) initiative, we're helping build vibrant communities. Learn more at www.FultonBank.com. Fulton Bank, N.A., Member FDIC.

ABOUT THE DELAWARE RIVER WATERFRONT ARTS PROGRAM

The Delaware River Waterfront Corporation's (DRWC) Waterfront Arts Program adds a "cultural layer" to the 2011 *Master Plan for the Central Delaware*, resulting in a clearly defined vision for locating art outside of traditional venues and expanding cultural experiences along the Waterfront. The goal is to activate the Waterfront with high-quality, innovative public and performance art that establishes the Delaware River Waterfront as a cultural destination for the City of Philadelphia.

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