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DC Area Arts Center Looking to Start a (R)evolution

Pyramid Atlantic's Book Arts Fair Pushes Envelope on Tradition

Silver Spring, MD – July 9, 2010 – Contemporary art center Pyramid Atlantic's eleventh biennial celebration of the book arts will connect international artists, scholars, collectors, publishers, and art lovers through academic discourse on the state of the book and contemporary printmaking, four films, a cutting-edge exhibition, hands-on demonstrations, juried artist book and print fair, and arts marketplace.

Now in its third decade, the event has attracted artists and collectors from around the world. "As with years past, we see this as a weekend destination event for people who love, make a living in, study and collect the book arts," explains Gretchen Schermerhorn, Pyramid Atlantic's Artistic Director. "This year, our programming is so jam-packed, and we're expanding to include contemporary printmaking. It will be more than enough to keep people engaged for a weekend's worth of interesting discourse, inspiration, learning and fun."

"We're especially excited about this year's event in partnership with the new Silver Spring Civic Building," says Jose Dominguez, Executive Director of Pyramid Atlantic. "This venue is a true reflection of the innovative themes we're pulling together through our speakers, films and exhibition. That we'll be in the center of the Silver Spring community means we can once again open our doors to local supporters, while introducing new people to this evolving art form."

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Confirmed speakers will address topics such as *Chasing Commies: Printing, Teaching, Collaboration in Havana and Hanoi* by Stephen Daiber, *Animated Pages: The Virtual (R)evolution of the Book* by Deborah Cornell, and *The (R)evolution of the Democratic Multiple: Post-Millennial Artist Published Multiples* by Tony White. Films include *Who Does She Think She Is?*, *Proceed and Be Bold*, *Between the Folds*, and *Type Face*.

Hands-on demonstrations will give participants an opportunity to learn about how love letters compiled from the Library of Congress inspired a letterpress edition, then make their own prints onsite at Pyramid Atlantic's 10,000 square foot industrial studio space in downtown Silver Spring.

For complete information and registration go to <http://www.pyramidatlanticbookartsfair.org>

About Pyramid Atlantic

Pyramid Atlantic is a 501(c)(3) non-profit contemporary arts center dedicated to the creation and appreciation of hand papermaking, printmaking, digital arts, and the art of the book. For nearly 30 years, Pyramid has provided opportunities for the discovery and creation of these fine arts through imaginative programming for people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. An artist-centered community with an international and local following, Pyramid Atlantic brings print and paper arts to people all over the world. <http://www.pyramidatlanticartcenter.org>