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Common Field, a new visual arts organizing network, opens registration for its annual convening, Hand-in-Glove, September 17-20, 2015 in Minneapolis-St. Paul

July 20, 2015 - Common Field, a new network for visual arts organizers and organizations, is pleased to announce that registration has opened for the annual Hand-in-Glove convening. Since 2011, Hand-in-Glove has assembled arts leaders from across the country to address pressing issues and innovations in the field of arts organizing. The 2015 Hand-in-Glove convening in Minneapolis-St. Paul will assemble over 350 visual arts organizers from across the United States for debates, panel discussions, artist-designed dinner gatherings across the city, workshops, celebratory evenings in Minneapolis and St. Paul and a Green Line art tour spanning the two cities' urban cores. The event will also celebrate the official public launch of Common Field.

Hand-in-Glove 2015 is being organized and hosted by two of Common Field's founding members: Works Progress Studio and The Soap Factory, working with the support of a Minneapolis-St. Paul based advisory board, as well as members of Common Field's founding Cabinet, who lead arts organizations and projects across the United States. The convening is being supported, in part, by The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, The McKnight Foundation, Knight Foundation, and Jerome Foundation. This support has allowed the organizers to keep the ticket price for this four day convening at an affordable \$125.

Tickets are now available for purchase, along with a full schedule of related panels and events, at www.commonfield.org/convening.

Common Field's launch at the Hand-in-Glove convening will open its full website and public membership to visual arts organizations and organizers across the United States and beyond. Self-nominating members will include artist-run and non-profit art spaces, publications, digital exhibition venues, festivals, residencies, collectives and collaborative organizers, curators, artists, and administrators working in a variety of mediums. Common Field champions the methods by which these independent art projects and spaces cultivate artistic experimentation and participation, innovate approaches to engaging audiences in contemporary art, and enhance social value, creativity and vitality in the cities and communities in which they work. Common Field will provide resources, research, learning, advocacy, and opportunities for peer-to-peer alliances--bringing new voice and visibility to support and grow the field.

Past Hand-in-Glove convenings in Chicago (2011) and New Orleans (2013) have mobilized hundreds of arts leaders around new and emerging practices in the visual arts field.

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Hand-in-Glove 2015 Presenters

Presenters will include Joe Ahearn ([Clocktower Radio](#), New York, NY), [Paul Bonin-Rodriguez](#) (University of Texas, Austin, TX), Elizabeth Chodos ([Ox-Bow](#), Saugatuck, MI), Complex Movements ([Emergence Media](#), Detroit, MI), DeAnna Cummings ([Juxtaposition Arts](#), Minneapolis, MN), Lisa Dent ([Creative Capital](#), New York, NY), [Alison Gerber](#) (University of Uppsala, Sweden), Wing Young Huie ([The Third Place](#), Minneapolis, MN), Seitu Jones ([CREATE: The Community Meal](#), Saint Paul, MN), Tricia Khutoretsky ([Public Functionary](#), Minneapolis, MN), Gavin Kroeber ([Experience Economies](#), New York, NY), Jessica Lynne and Taylor Renee ([ARTS.BLACK](#), Brooklyn, NY and Detroit, MI), Nat May ([SPACE Gallery](#), Portland, ME), James McAnally ([Temporary Art Review](#), Saint Louis, MO), [Dylan A.T. Miner](#) (East Lansing, MI), Chaka Mkali / I Self Divine ([Hope Community](#), Minneapolis, MN), Abigail Satinsky ([Threewalls](#), Chicago, IL), Susannah Schouweiler ([Mn Artists](#), Minneapolis, MN), Mona Smith ([Healing Place Collaborative](#), Minneapolis, MN), Shawn(ta) Smith-Cruz ([Lesbian Herstory Archives](#), Brooklyn, NY), Sheila Smith ([Minnesota Citizens for the Arts](#), Saint Paul, MN), [Andy Sturdevant](#) (Minneapolis, MN), Lise Soskolne ([W.A.G.E.](#), New York, NY), Maria Sykes ([Epicenter](#), Green River, UT), Paul Bonin-Rodriguez (University of Texas, Austin, TX), Chaun Webster ([Ancestry Books](#), Minneapolis, MN), [Rosten Woo](#) (Los Angeles, CA), Common Field founding members, and more.

Hand-in-Glove 2015 Organizers

Lead Organizers: Shanai Matteson and Colin Kloecker (Works Progress Studio), in partnership with The Soap Factory, and **Local Advisors:** Scott Artley (Collective Creation), D.A. Bullock (Bully Creative Shop), Adrienne Doyle, Regan Golden, Sam Gould (Red 76), Tricia Khutoretsky (Public Functionary), Oskar Ly (Asian Economic Development and Little Mekong), Susannah Schouweiler (Mn Artists) and Mona Smith (Healing Place Collaborative)

Common Field Leadership Cabinet

Abigail Satinsky (Threewalls, Chicago, IL) & Stephanie Sherman (Elsewhere, Greensboro, NC) (Co-Directors), Elizabeth Chodos (Oxbow, Saugatuck, MI), Courtney Fink (Southern Exposure, San Francisco, CA), Nat May (SPACE Gallery, Portland, ME)

Thank You

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