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WPA Holiday Pop Up Shop Brings Unique Gift Ideas to the Hirshhorn Dec. 5–6
For One Weekend Only, Local Artists Sell Works at the Museum; NSO In Your Neighborhood Concert Closes the Festivities

Smithsonian Enterprises and Washington Project for the Arts invite holiday shoppers to a pop-up shop at the Smithsonian’s Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 5 and 6, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., during the Smithsonian Holiday Festival. Unique, exciting and reasonably priced works by more than 20 Washington, D.C.-area artists will be on sale in the Hirshhorn lobby. Many of the artists will be on hand to talk about their work with visitors.

“I’m excited about the opportunity to collaborate with an organization that supports such talented artists and look forward to developing future projects with artists in our community,” said Lisa Gold, the Hirshhorn’s director of public engagement.

In conjunction with the event, the National Symphony Orchestra Horn Ensemble will perform an “NSO In Your Neighborhood” concert of holiday music in the Lerner Room Sunday, Dec. 6, at 4 p.m. Admission is free and seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The following artists will participate in the WPA Holiday Pop Up Shop:

Sharlaine Anapu—handmade jewelry
Leda Black—printed textiles
Hsin-Hsi Chen—pencil-drawing-inspired clothing and accessories
JD Deardourff—comic-book-inspired screenprints and clothing
Double A Projects (Athena Robles and Amber Stein)—personalized GIFs
Lindsay Giffin—textile jewelry
Jeff Herrity—ceramics
Elizabeth Hutcheson—greeting cards and gift items
Barbara Januszkiewicz—clothing and colorful paintings
Gary Kachadourian—life-size posters of hand-drawn objects
Tatiana Kolina—sPACYcLOUd clothing and accessories
Laurel Lukaszewski—ceramics
Cameron Petke—ceramics
Maryanne Pollock—hand-painted silk scarves
David Prete—3-D-printed jewelry
Peggy Reichard—ceramics
Kevin M. Roberts—hardware-inspired calendars and magnets
Kelly Towles—T-shirts and temporary tattoos
Jennifer Vallina—wrapping paper
Jordann Wine—glitter paintings
Lisa Wood—shibori textiles

Washington Project for the Arts is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to serve as a catalyst for contemporary art. WPA supports artists at all stages of their careers and promotes contemporary art by presenting exhibitions, issues and ideas that stimulate public dialogue on art and culture. Since its founding in 1975, WPA has showcased the works of thousands of artists and has reached hundreds of thousands of visitors and viewers with its programs and projects. More information can be found at wpadc.org.

Photo: Handmade porcelain snowflakes by Laurel Lukaszewski