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International Online Art Collective debuts live art exhibition at Jamestown's Pearl City Clay House November 3rd.

Exhibition offers a fun-packed series of free community art events, a video installation and a visit by the artists themselves!

The 14 members of International Online Art Collective are presenting "Chain Reaction": a 100-piece art installation at Pearl City Clay House in Jamestown, NY. The exhibition will open to the public on November 3 and be on display through December 30. The public is invited to meet the artists who will be in town specially for the show opening on November 3, 5-7 pm and participate in free art events and workshops over the course of the exhibition. Pearl City Clay House is to host the IOAC's first in-person show in North America. "We're so excited to be the first gallery to host this dynamic group of artists as their exhibition starts its global tour" said Deb Eck, curator and program director of Pearl City Clay House.

"Chain Reaction" is the collective's most ambitious project so far—think of it as a very long distance game of "telephone". Starting with one single piece, each piece inspired the other, provoking a literal chain of artworks, culminating in the grand total of 100 pieces assembled into one bigger physical multi media installation. IOAC is now ready to present Chain Reaction to art galleries worldwide and Pearl City Clay House in Jamestown, NY is the one to premier the project. 'I am thrilled to bring this collaborative work to Jamestown and introduce these amazing international artists—and their work—to our community, said Wendy Bale, IOAC member from Jamestown.

Up until recently, the IOAC's activities have been entirely online, as their name suggests, but now they are beginning a chain reaction of physical exhibitions which will take them around the world to meet in person at last. IOAC's 14 members have been working on the "Chain Reaction" project for over two years. "It started with this crazy idea back during lockdown, to create 100 pieces of art together, and here we are, two years on - we did it!" said UK artist and project initiator Ruth Christensen.



Founded in Spring 2020, the IOAC artists reside in eight different countries. Come to the Opening Reception to see the exhibition, enjoy some wine and cheese and meet some of these international artists in person!

A big part of IOAC's philosophy is 'Art for All', so its members have put together a fun-packed supporting program of free community art events for Jamestown residents at Pearl City Clay House. Art lovers from further away have a chance to join via Zoom. Planned events include in-house and online art workshops, the opportunity to participate in a mini-version of Chain Reaction, virtual visits with international artists in their studios and more.

To find out more about Chain Reaction, please visit:

Website: <https://ioac.art/chain-reaction>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/internationalonlineart>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/intonlineart

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-online-art-collective>

The IOAC members are: Adela Trifan (Spain); Barbara Pastorino (Italy); Caroline Karp (USA); Cheryl Barill (USA); Christy de Witt (Netherlands); Gerda Smith (South Africa); Greta Olivas (USA); Guillermo Bublik (USA); Inna Malovstoker (USA); Karin McCombe Jones (New Zealand); Morrison Polkinghorne (Australia); Ruth Christensen (UK); Susan Detroy (USA); Wendy Bale (USA).

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Notes for editors:

[You can find the whole program on page 3 of this press release](#)



For more information on the exhibition, please contact Wendy Bale, IOAC member from Jamestown:

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For more information, images, and the summary of our project plan, please visit the media kit on our website <https://ioac.art/mediakit.zip> and/or contact the project's initiator Ruth Christensen via ruth@ioac.art

Chain Reaction Programming at Pearl City Clay House

November 3 through December 30, 2023

GALLERY - Pearl City Clay House, 220 East Second St, Jamestown, New York

CHAIN REACTION OPENING RECEPTION - November 3, 5-7 PM

CHAIN REACTION EXHIBITION November 4 - December 30
Open during Pearl City Clay House hours

FREE COMMUNITY ART PROGRAMS in the gallery:

- Photo Workshop with IOAC artist Inna Malostovker; Nov 3, 1-3 PM
Limited seating, please register at PearlCityClayHouse.org
- Mini Chain (inspired by the show);—art supplies included Nov 4 - Dec 30
Open during Pearl City Clay House hours
- Chain Games with IOAC artists; Nov 4, 10 AM - 2 PM
- Sassy Saturday - Teabag Art with Susan Detroy; Nov 18, 2- PM
Limited seating, please register at PearlCityClayHouse.org