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Brooklyn Transplant Brings New Vision to Visual Arts Center of New Jersey Programs



Photo: Sarah Walko, Director of Education and Community Engagement

Summit, NJ (December 21, 2016)—The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey recently welcomed a new Director of Education & Community Engagement, Sarah Walko.

“I’m looking forward to inviting many different disciplines into the public programming for the Art Center, said Walko. “I think this allows for an enriched experience. VACNJ is a visual arts organization but when it comes to accessing the work, creating multiple entry points allows each individual to choose a unique personal connection in a way that interests them most, which enhances learning.”

Prior to joining the Art Center, Walko served as the Director of Arts Programming for the Marble House Project, a new artist in residency program located in Dorset, Vermont. Walko was responsible for working with the founders on developing the project from the ground up, which included converting a residential estate to a working creative space for residents and public events and implementing a robust schedule of public programs. Walko formerly served as the Executive Director of Triangle Arts Association, a non-profit arts organization in Brooklyn, New York where she led a year round residency program, international artist workshops and numerous public and private events and exhibitions.

Walko has also curated for several institutions and non-profits as well as independent projects. She is a contributing writer to *Hyperallergic*, *Drain Magazine of Contemporary Art and Culture*, and *Eyes Towards the Dove*. She holds an MFA from the Savannah College of Art and Design and a BA from the University of Maryland. She recently relocated to Summit from Brooklyn, New York.

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About the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey

For more than 80 years, the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey has been dedicated to viewing, making and learning about contemporary art. Recognized as a leading non-profit arts organization and accredited by the American Alliance for Museums, the Art Center’s renowned studio school, acclaimed exhibitions, and educational outreach initiatives serve thousands of youth, families, seniors and people with special needs every year.