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108 Contemporary Members *Cultivate Craft*

Tulsa, Oklahoma- November 23, 2015- Located in the Brady Arts District, 108|Contemporary opens the exhibition *Cultivating Craft*, a combination of a juried show created by 108 members and the unveiling of the statewide knitting project, *The Unbearable Absence of Landscapes*.

Juried by Lauren Scarpello, Associate Director of Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition and Mary Kathryn Moeller, arts writer and Director of Professional Development for Jenks Public Schools, *Cultivating Craft* is made up of # pieces ranging from fiber to installation.

“We had open the call for artist to be statewide”, said Krystle Brewer, Interim Executive Director of 108 Contemporary. “This show highlights the best of the best of fine craft artists here in Oklahoma.”

From its beginning in August of 2014, Oklahomans have created a large, knit landscape of grass and sky to be draped outside of the gallery. Lead artist, Romy Owens, has recruited schools, recovery programs, knitting circles and individual knitters from all over Oklahoma to work on the massive ‘blanket’. The blanket is made up of thousands of yarn squares ranging in colors of white, blue, grey and green and is entitled *The Unbearable Absence of Landscape*.

“This beautiful landscape would not be possible without the craft enthusiasts of Oklahoma”, said Brewer. “Everyone’s dedication to this project has created something truly spectacular and I thank every person who contributed to the landscape.”

108 Contemporary is a non-profit organization specializing in the organization of Oklahoma fine craft artists. Our mission is connecting both artists and the public to education, exhibitions, recognition, and communication to the arts.

If you are interested in learning more about the exhibition, please visit the 108 Contemporary website at www.108contemporary.org or like our Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/108-Contemporary-399641460102810/timeline/?ref=stream>.

