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***The Space In Between* installation opens on the Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail**

Exhibition Dates: April 27 - June 21, 2023

Public Reception: Friday, June 2, 5:30-7:30 pm

Location: miniMoCA518, Corner of Hudson Avenue and Adams Street, Delmar, NY 12054

Delmar, NY—ART on the Rail Trail presents Melissa Dadourian's installation, *The Space In Between*, in its 2023 series of exhibitions at miniMoCA518, the unique, miniature art gallery sited along the Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail. On view from April 27 through June 21, Dadourian's exhibition encapsulates on a miniature scale the sort of immersive environment that she has often created for much larger spaces.

In describing her process and materials, artist Melissa Dadourian states: "I make knitted paintings and large immersive installations using thread, yarn, found fabrics, and sculptural objects. These elements carry diverse associations and connections, and expand upon my understanding of painting, and what a painting can be."

Her vibrantly colored assemblages are meticulously hand-made but allude to familiar manufacturing processes involved in the production of clothing and ceramics. With *The Space In Between*, Dadourian hopes passersby will linger at this strange new world whose scale is both delightful and disorienting.

On Friday, June 2, from 5:30-7:30 pm, ART will host a public meet-the-artist event at the gallery.

Established in the fall of 2022, miniMoCA518 is a small-scale architectural delight at the intersection of Hudson Avenue and Adams Street sited on the Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail. The gallery is home to a changing program of exhibitions that feature regional artists from a range of disciplines. In 2023, five artists have been invited to develop new works for the gallery. The public will have the opportunity to meet the artists and celebrate their work during receptions for each exhibition.

Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy Executive Director Mark King said, "The Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail has become a destination for Albany County residents to enjoy both the splendor of nature and the vibrancy of neighborhoods along this nine-mile path. Works of public art - like those presented in mini MoCA - are evidence of this area's dynamic creative culture and serve as new and exciting elements for visitors to encounter on the Trail."



The Arts Center of the Capital Region made this program possible through the Statewide Community Regrant Program, funded by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

The ART committee also expresses sincere thanks to gallery sponsor McSharry & Associates.

About the artist

Melissa Dadourian is a Brooklyn and Hudson Valley based artist working in textile media, painting, and sculpture. Dadourian has exhibited at JEFF in Marfa, Texas, the ACCEA in Yerevan, Armenia, the Albany Airport, the University of Buffalo, Transmitter Gallery, Textile Arts Center in Brooklyn among others. Recently she created an 8,000 square foot mural for Manhattan Park Pool on Roosevelt Island and has forthcoming shows at the Dorsky Museum, New Paltz, Collar Works, Troy, NY as well as the MoCA Westport, CT.

About ART

ART is a volunteer committee of the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy whose mission is to support and improve the Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail by introducing works of art and hosting related community events. These unique art installations encourage local and regional visitors of varying ages and physical abilities to enjoy this amenity, both increasing the diversity of trail users and benefiting the local economy. **To learn more, visit www.mohawkhudson.org/art.**

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In addition to this press release, please find the attached images:

Artist Melissa Dadourian puts the finishing touches on her miniMoCA518 installation.

Melissa Dadourian installation now on display at miniMoCA518.





Michael Cichon
The Space is the Place
2018

Michael Cichon's artwork is a colorful, knitted piece that is displayed inside the mailbox. The artwork features a red mesh-like pattern at the top, transitioning into a purple and blue striped pattern, and a black and white striped pattern at the bottom. A small yellow object is visible on the left side of the artwork.

Michael Cichon is a contemporary artist who works with a variety of media, including sculpture, painting, and photography. He is known for his vibrant, colorful works that often explore themes of identity, community, and the environment. Cichon's artwork is displayed in a variety of public spaces, including museums, galleries, and outdoor installations.

The Space is the Place is a public art project that is part of the MoCA's ongoing commitment to community engagement and public art. The project is a collaboration between MoCA and local artists, and it aims to create a space for community dialogue and artistic expression.

For more information about Michael Cichon's artwork and the Space is the Place project, please visit the MoCA website at www.moca.org.