

Torpedo Talks @ Second Thursday Art Night

Second Thursday Art Nights feature gallery and studio receptions and free activities throughout the building. Monthly, 6–9 pm.

Hear from some of the region's best-known artists, curators, and creatives during Torpedo Talks at 8 pm.

Nomadic & Creative: Art and the Immigrant Experience

Talk by Desirée Venn Frederic • Thursday, December 14 • 8 pm

Desirée Venn Frederic is a Sierra-Leonean born social entrepreneur, installation artist, activist, writer, and educator. She shares her experiences as an artist, as well as her personal journey as an immigrant and how it has influenced her creative process.

Ars Memoria in Early Law: Looking Beneath the Picture

Talk by Jolande Goldberg • Thursday, January 11 • 8 pm

Jolande Goldberg, senior law classification specialist at the Library of Congress and artist in Studio 326, shares an overview of law book illustrations and the Law Library of Congress' efforts to preserve this history. *Presented in collaboration with Friends of the Torpedo Factory.*

Diaspora in African-American Art

Talk by Kayleigh Bryant-Greenwell • Thursday, February 8 • 8 pm

In collaboration with Target Gallery's *Passages* exhibition, Kayleigh Bryant-Greenwell, independent curator and education specialist at the National Museum of African-American History and Culture, discusses the effects and influences of diaspora in African-American art.

ArtTable's State of Art/D.C.:

Creating Engagement Among Arts Practitioners

Talk by Ruth Abrahams and Jennifer Riddell • Thursday, March 8 • 8 pm

ArtTable is a national organization focused on support and development of professional women in the visual arts. ArtTable D.C.'s program *State of Art/D.C.: A Conversation* explores the impact of contemporary visual art and art-making on the region. Co-Chair Ruth Abrahams and Communications Co-Chair Jennifer Riddell discuss the evolution of the program and the four editions presented to date. *Presented in collaboration with ArtTable D.C.*

Art and Social Impact

Talk by Kate Goodall • Thursday, April 12 • 8 pm

Halcyon promotes social good by encouraging socially engaged creatives to learn, freely experiment, sometimes fail, and advance their talents and visions. CEO and Co-Founder Kate Goodall shares how Halcyon Arts Lab incubator has impacted the greater metropolitan arts scene. *Presented in collaboration with Halcyon.*

Emerging Artists of the DMV

*Panel discussion by Ksenia Grishkova, Blair Murphy, and Jack Rasmussen
Thursday, May 10 • 8 pm*

Target Gallery's exhibition *Emerging Artists* features work by five up-and-coming artists from the region. Exhibition jurors will speak about the state of the visual arts and where it is going. Jurors are: Ksenia Grishkova, director of Touchstone Gallery; Blair Murphy, managing director of DC Arts Center; and Jack Rasmussen, director and curator at the American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center.

The Comic Book Film

Talk by Christopher Irving • Thursday, June 14 • 8 pm

This talk reveals the origins of comic books and how they have translated into film and television over the decades, from 1940s movie serials to current blockbuster movies. Starting from the classic *Adventures of Superman* television show and *Batman* with Adam West to the Marvel Cinematic Universe and the current DC Comics shows. *Presented in partnership with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.*