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## ***Nine Artists Transform Gowanus Construction Site***

**URBAN MODULATIONS** EXHIBITION PRESENTED BY **ARTBRIDGE** AND THE **LIGHTSTONE GROUP**.  
EXHIBITION LAUNCH PARTY—AN OUTDOOR COMMUNITY EVENT IN GOWANUS—ON **AUGUST 27**.

**BROOKLYN, NY (August 15, 2014)** - ArtBridge is thrilled to present *Urban Modulations*—an exhibition containing nine emerging Brooklyn artists' interpretations of urban interaction and change. The outdoor exhibition will launch on August 27, and will be hung on the construction fencing at the Lightstone Group's rental development at 363-365 Bond Street in Gowanus, Brooklyn. *Urban Modulations* will be on view for approximately eight months.



Marilia Destot, *Gowanus Dance*, 2012

To launch this exhibition, ArtBridge is hosting a community event on August 27 from 6pm to 8pm, at 363-365 Bond St, featuring complimentary food and desserts.

**The nine artists (44 total pieces of art) were chosen from over 600 submissions, by a curatorial panel of Saisha Grayson (curator, Brooklyn Museum), Courtney Jordan (curator, Gowanus Ballroom), Hrag Vartanian (founder, Hyperallergic), and Emily Santaganelo (art advisor).** A \$5,500 honorarium, will be divided amongst the winning artists: Bibiana, Marilia Destot, Evry, Caleb Freese, Allison Maletz, Simona Prives, Gun Roze, Esther Ruiz, and Joelle Shallon. *[see artist bios on page 2]*

Says ArtBridge's Executive Director, Stephen Pierson: "Brooklyn has the largest and most thriving arts community in the world. We are thrilled to present nine Brooklyn artists, and grateful to the Lightstone Group for generously supporting this exhibition."

**The Lightstone Group's Senior Vice President, Scott Avram, says:** "The Lightstone Group is proud to sponsor this exhibition and support local artists. **Our Gowanus development aims to enhance what makes Brooklyn so special, creating more open space, and a vibrant and diverse community in which the arts can thrive.**"

### **ABOUT ARTBRIDGE**

ArtBridge creates exposure for local and emerging artists through large-scale public art exhibitions on sites in transition throughout New York. [www.art-bridge.org](http://www.art-bridge.org)

### **ABOUT THE LIGHTSTONE GROUP**

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**Urban Modulations Artist Bios:**

**Bibiana** is a Czech artist based in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. She is currently working on long-term projects documenting cultural diversity and economic divides, with an emphasis on New York City. She is the founder of Pickled Press, a publishing and printing studio in Greenwood, Brooklyn. [www.bibiana.co](http://www.bibiana.co)

**Marilia Destot** is a French Brooklyn-based photographer. Her multi-faceted work uses portrait, dance, and landscapes. In 2012 she used the urban topography of Gowanus as a backdrop for a collaboration with the American dancer Laurel Tentindo and the Austrian designer Ilona Drozdik. [www.mariliadestot.com](http://www.mariliadestot.com)

**Evry** is Brooklyn resident and native New Yorker. His photography expresses the brilliant and beautiful nuances of life in the city. His work is inspired by his relationship to New York and powered by the need to express the intangible: moments, feelings, and dreams. [www.everythingsafeeling.com](http://www.everythingsafeeling.com)

**Caleb Freese** is a Gowanus-based artist whose work contains layers of detailed map drawings and loose abstract brushwork, which convey the contrast between the rigid structure of the city with its fluid life and motion. He is a member of the Gowanus Print Lab, and a co-founder of Brooklyn's first hop (beer) farm, Thousands Win. [www.squadup.net](http://www.squadup.net)

**Allison Maletz** is a Brooklyn-based mixed-media artist whose work focuses on the idea of the secretly dysfunctional Western family. She is an Illustration lecturer at Parsons, and teaches at the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, Brooklyn Art Space, and Marymount Manhattan College. [www.allisonmaletz.com](http://www.allisonmaletz.com)

**Simona Prives** is a Gowanus-based artist who creates both physical and digital collages. She uses fragments of her drawings and photographs of Gowanus-based construction sites (with considerable material drawn from the Smith/9th St. subway restoration process) to assemble her compositions. [www.simonaprives.com](http://www.simonaprives.com)

**Gun Roze** is a street and portrait photographer who moved to Brooklyn, from Toronto, in 1997. His studio is based in Gowanus where he is a participant in Gowanus Open Studios. [gun-roze.portfoliobox.me](http://gun-roze.portfoliobox.me)

**Esther Ruiz** is a Brooklyn-based artist, whose studio is in Gowanus. Her work celebrates the passage of time and the moments we tend to forget or leave unmarked. She has shown extensively in Brooklyn, including at Brooklyn Wayfarers, Ground Floor Gallery, Trestle Gallery, and Greenpoint Gallery. [www.estherruiz.com](http://www.estherruiz.com)

**Joelle Shallon** is a painter whose work is influenced by her Middle Eastern background, as well as her interest in textiles and architecture. She works in Gowanus and is a participant in Gowanus Open Studios. [www.joelleshallon.com](http://www.joelleshallon.com)



Simona Prives, *Supernova 5*, 2014

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