

This past month AIDA partnered with the Armory Art Center in Palm Beach, Florida to present "Israeli Art Month". This month long celebration included a show of Israeli fiber art, artist demonstrations, receptions and a discussion about Israel's decorative arts. This partnership brought together friends and supporters of the Armory and AIDA, and provided new exposure for our artists. Thank you to everyone at AIDA and the Armory for making this program a success.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to AIDA's newest board members, Fraeda & Bill Kopman and Becky Mayer. We're excited to have them join the AIDA team.

For more information on our artists and programs please visit our website at www.AIDAarts.org or contact me at erikavogel@AIDAarts.org or (212) 931.0089.

Thanks for your continued support!

Best,



Erika Vogel, Director

February 12-19



Bill Gudenrath
demonstrating at GStudio

Glass Workshop in Israel

Bill Gudenrath, Resident Advisor of the Studio at the Corning Museum of Glass, presented a glassblowing workshop at GStudio (formerly Trio Vetro) in Tel Aviv. "The dedication among Israel's glass artists is exceptional and I see a lot of potential," said Bill at the conclusion of the workshop. Noaz Harel, a participant said, "This is the first time that I learned the basics of this craft from a person and not from a book. Learning it from a master in the field was much more fun and informative. Thank you AIDA."

AIDA continues to sponsor studio time for artists at GStudio.



"A Common Thread"

Israeli Art Month at the Armory Art Center

AIDA and the Armory Art Center partnered to bring South Florida a month of Israeli art. The marquee event, "A Common Thread: An Exhibition of Israel Fiber Art", showcased the contemporary Israeli art scene and presented ornamental, functional and wearable works of fiber art created by six leading Israeli artists. The Yaw Gallery of Birmingham, Michigan presented an exhibition of jewelry by AIDA artists. Sales were exceptional, with some of the artists nearly selling out their inventory!

Special thanks to Dale Anderson & Jo Mett for installing the exhibition and making sure we put our best face forward.

GET INVOLVED

Ceramics Workshop in Israel May 16-30

Acclaimed ceramist, Matt Nolen, will present a ceramics workshop to Israeli artists at the Givat Haviva Institute.



Matt Nolen, 2002
White stoneware
13"L x 9"W x 21"H

SOFA NEW YORK May 29-June 1

Visit the Park Avenue Armory to view works by AIDA artists at their representative galleries. More information on AIDA events at SOFA NY, including complimentary passes, will be sent in the coming months.



SOFA CHICAGO November 6-9

AIDA presents a curated show of works by AIDA alumni and new comers.



Noah Hagiladi, 2006
"This is My Baby, He used to Say", Pate de verre
H 2cm x L 30cm x D 30cm

Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show November 12-16

As Israel is this year's guest artist country, AIDA will present work by Israeli artists at the Craft Show.



Avital Korsh, 2007
necklace, leather

March 13

Reception co-hosts
Arlene Kaufman (left) and
Jan Willinger (right)

VIP Opening

In celebration of Israeli Art Month at the Armory, Dale & Doug Anderson, Charles Bronfman, Arlene Kaufman & Sandy Baklor and Jan & Harding Willinger co-hosted a special viewing of "A Common Thread". Over 150 friends and supporters of AIDA and the Armory attended the event.

Thank you to our hosts for such a fantastic evening!

March 14

from left to right: Jo Mett,
Davira Taragin & Jane Adlin

Decorative Arts of Israel: A Discussion

AIDA jury members, Jane Adlin, curator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Davira Taragin, director of special exhibitions & programs at the Racine Art Museum in Wisconsin, led an informal discussion at the Armory on the development of Israel's decorative arts. Jo Mett, co-owner of the Camino Real Gallery in Boca Raton, moderated the conversation. The discussion highlighted such topics as: AIDA's founding, what makes the art Israeli and the difference between studio visits in the U.S. and Israel.

March 13, 14 & 15

Nirit Dekel demonstrating
at the Armory Art Center

Nirit Dekel Flame Working Demonstration

AIDA artist Nirit Dekel (SOFA 2006 participant), currently represented by the Yaw Gallery in Birmingham, MI, presented several flame working demonstrations during Israeli Art Month at the Armory to constant crowds of admirers.

Commenting on the experience Nirit said, "Thank you for the chance to demonstrate at the Armory. It was an amazing opportunity for me personally and professionally. I've learned so much from the experience and the feedback I received on my work. AIDA continues to play a great part in my success and I cannot say thank you enough." For more information on Nirit and her work visit: www.AIDAarts.org/artists.



AIDA staff members
Erika Vogel (left) and
Sharon Shaked (right)

New Staff

AIDA is thrilled to announce the recent addition of Sharon Shaked as AIDA's full-time project coordinator. Sharon was born in Israel and is a native Hebrew speaker. She is a graduate of Rutgers University with a B.A. in Art History and Communication. For the past year she has been working closely with AIDA on a number of projects in a part-time capacity and has quickly become a valued member of the team. Sharon can be contacted in our New York office at (212) 931.0110 or sharon@AIDAarts.org.

ABOUT AIDA

AIDA's mission is to foster the development of contemporary decorative artists from Israel by connecting them to an international audience of galleries, institutions, and collectors.

AIDA is driven by a dedicated network of volunteers, supporters and friends.

If you would like to get more involved or make a tax deductible contribution, please contact Erika Vogel at erikavogel@AIDAarts.org or (212) 931.0089.

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