Art That Responds To Our Troubled Times at Smack Mellon

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So many statements made at the show RESPOND in Smack Mellon

Respond at Smack Mellon in DUMBO
The Art goes come out for RESPOND at Smack Mellon

The line wrapped around the brick face corner facade of the non profit gallery Smack Mellon in DUMBO last night. The expansive 5000 square foot space exhibited juried work, after an open call for submissions for work that responds to the recent killings of unarmed black men by police officers and the protests that ensued. The work exhibited salon style with banners running across the ceilings and depictions of hands running across the walls displaying slogans of the movement, expounding on – let us breathe and black lives matter, created a space that was filled with wonderment, sadness and the resolute feeling that something needs to change.

Smack Mellon’s current Studio Artists in Residence Esteban del Valle, Molly Dilworth, OsaDuVerney, Ira Edwarrdson, Steffani Jemison, and Dread Scott as well as, Smack Mellon staff organized and juried RESPOND. Two hundred works of art consisting of all mediums of artistic expression were chosen out of six hundred submissions. Smack Mellon will also be providing space for events by community organizers, activists, artists, writers and performers.


RESPOND at Smack Mellon Gallery

On View: January 17 – February 22, 2015

Gallery Hours: Wed-Sun, 12-6pm

(In observance of Martin Luther King Day the gallery will be open Mon, Jan 19)

Smack Mellon Gallery, 92 Plymouth Street @ Washington, Brooklyn, NY 11201