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**** MEDIA ALERT ****

**HCCC CELEBRATES 20 YEARS WITH
ONLINE ARTIST RESIDENCY SALE
October 4 – 17, 2021**

WHAT: 20th Anniversary Artist Residency Sale

This fall, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft (HCCC) celebrates 20 years of its artist residency program by hosting the 20th Anniversary Artist Residency Sale, an online shopping event featuring works from past and present resident artists.

Since 2001, 160 artists have passed through the residency studios at HCCC, and more than 20 of them will be featured in this sale, which offers shoppers a terrific opportunity to support working artists while building their collections. Art and craft lovers can shop from a variety of unique pieces, including sculpture, jewelry, ceramics, and more. This online sale marks the soft return of HCCC's Asher Gallery, which will host a few online and pop-up sales events over the coming year.

HCCC members get first dibs, with exclusive shopping dates October 4 – 10 and a 10% discount. The public can access the sale, starting October 11th. Shoppers are encouraged to follow the new Asher Gallery Instagram account, @crafthoustonstore, to get sneak peaks of some of the fabulous pieces for sale.

WHO: Houston Center for Contemporary Craft

WHEN: October 4 – 17, 2021

****Open Exclusively to HCCC Members: October 4 – 10****

****Open to Public: October 11 – 17****

WHERE: <https://crafthouston.org/events/artist-residency-online-sale/>

About Houston Center for Contemporary Craft

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this fall, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft (HCCC) is a nonprofit visual arts center dedicated to advancing education about the process, product, and history of craft. HCCC continues to serve as a treasured resource in the Houston arts community and the region by showcasing emerging and acclaimed artists in exhibitions, introducing visitors of all ages to contemporary craft through hands-on and virtual programming, and supporting the development of working artists through its artist residency program.

HCCC is currently open limited hours: Thursday through Saturday, 10 AM – 5 PM. Admission is free. Before visiting, the public should visit www.crafthouston.org to view visitor guidelines, including the requirement to wear face masks and practice social distancing throughout the building. HCCC is located in the Museum District at 4848 Main Street, three blocks south of the Wheeler Ave. MetroRail station. Free parking is available directly behind the facility, off Rosedale and Travis Street.

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