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US artists join political campaign

ARTISTS FOR DEMOCRACY

With the American election looming, a growing coalition of American artists and galleries is seeking to demonstrate that the US art world is a political force.

The Art of Democracy is a nationwide initiative offering an umbrella title, logo, website and PR apparatus to the artists and organisers of exhibitions with a political dimension. The aim is to co-ordinate their efforts into a nationwide campaign. As Stephen Fredericks of the New York Society of Etchers explains, 'The Art of Democracy is trying – very successfully – to galvanize artists to make themselves heard as we approach our national elections this November. It embraces every issue: from homelessness, hunger, immigration, poverty, workers' rights, gun control, civil liberties, police power, governmental corruption, war and environmental issues to healthcare. We are sure that we are organizing the single largest network of artists' print exhibitions ever in North America, which is really exciting. We

would love to inspire someone in the UK to organize and link an exhibition to the campaign.' Details of how to join in and of affiliated exhibitions and events can be found on the Art of Democracy website.

www.artofdemocracy.org



The Art of Democracy campaign image