



FILM BY ANI COLLIER, *AND NOW*, WILL BE EXHIBITED AT MINT MUSEUM IN CHARLOTTE

GAINESVILLE, Fla, Apr. 16, 2017 — Black C Art Gallery is pleased to announce the inclusion of Ani Collier's film, *And now*, to *Gendered: An Inclusive Art Show*, at the Mint Museum in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Gendered is a national juried group exhibition featuring less than twenty artists from across the United States, each of whom have explored the intersectionalities of gender, class, race, and sexuality in their work. *Gendered* is the second annual exhibition hosted and curated by the Young Affiliates of the Mint, which is the longest running young professional group and the premier social arts organization for young professionals in Charlotte, North Carolina. *Gendered's* distinguished panel of jurors include Kelli Connell, Ryan James Caruthers, John Edmonds, and Carla Hanzal. *Gendered* will take place at the Mint Museum's Uptown location from June 16 to July 21, 2017.

Collier's film, *And now*, was selected by the exhibition's panel of jurors from over a thousand submissions. *And now* was produced in 2008, and is Collier's depiction of *joie de vivre*, or a life well lived. Collier explains the film, saying, "*And now* is about living life to the fullest, so that when the viewer looks back, she has no regrets. The protagonist falls throughout the film just as one does in real life. When she falls, she simply gets up and tries again. Hopefully everyone's life has been filled with fun, pink, fur, humor, and second chances – just like the main character in the film."

An internationally-renowned institution, The Mint Museum is dedicated to collecting, conserving, exhibiting, inspiring, publishing and protecting important works of art and design from all over the global art community. The Mint Museum Uptown, where *Gendered* will be exhibited, houses the highly-regarded Mint Museum of Craft + Design, as well as outstanding collections of American, Modern + Contemporary, and European art.

The opening for *Gendered* will be on Friday, June 16, 2017 from 6:00 to 10:00pm at the Mint Museum's Uptown location at 500 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.

For more information about Ani Collier and the exhibition, visit <http://blackcproduction.com/ani-collier>, <http://www.blackcproduction.com/news>, and <http://www.youngaffiliates.org/gendered>.

About Ani Collier

Ani Collier is a dancer, choreographer, director, and visual artist specializing in photography, film, and performance art. Collier was born in Bulgaria, graduated from The State Ballet School in Sofia, and danced principal roles in ballets such as *The Nutcracker* and *Rite of Spring*. Collier has directed and choreographed numerous dance and theatre performances both in Florida and Bulgaria. Her travels have taken her to dance festivals around the world and her own work has been influenced by her experiences.



After retiring her pointe shoes, Collier received an MBA from the University of Florida and founded ETUD Gallery in Sofia, Bulgaria and Black C Art Gallery in Gainesville, Florida. Collier's photographs have been exhibited at the Matheson Museum, the Thomas Center Galleries, the Hippodrome Theatre Art Gallery and others in Florida, as well as venues in New York City, Italy, and Bulgaria.

About Black C Art Gallery

Founded in 2015, Black C Art is a gallery and performance space featuring the work of dancer, photographer, and visual artist, Ani Collier, along with select guest artists. Black C Art's mission is to create, connect, and share experimental performing and visual arts. Each month, the gallery debuts a new exhibition as part of Gainesville's Art Walk program, a monthly event that combines exciting visual art, live performance, and events in downtown Gainesville, Florida.

Black C Art Gallery, at 201 SE 2nd Avenue, Suite 111, in Gainesville, Florida, is located in downtown Gainesville's Union Street Station. Hours are 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and Saturday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is open until 9 p.m. the last Friday of every month for Art Walk Gainesville. For more information call 352-469-6278 or visit www.blackcproduction.com.

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