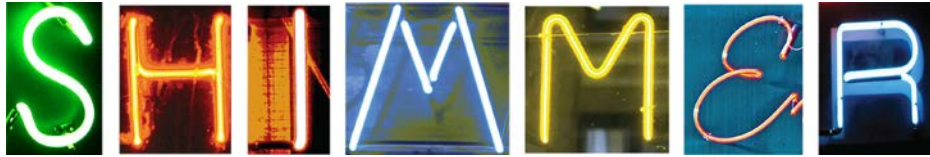




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## **Area Professors of Art, Media and Music Shine at SHIMMER: The Art of Light in Chapel Hill and Carrboro**

**CHAPEL HILL, NC** - During the February 10th Friday ArtWalk, 24 illuminated art installations and light projections will be featured in multiple outdoor and indoor settings, from the 300 Main St. business complex in Carrboro to Roberson Street and beyond in Chapel Hill. *SHIMMER: The Art of Light*, presented by Chapel Hill's Parks & Recreation Department, is a free, one-night event planned in cooperation with the towns as well as local organizations and businesses.

The majority of this year's installations are created by art and media professors from around the country and many by professors representing UNC- Chapel Hill, UNC- Pembroke, Duke, NC State, and Winston-Salem State Universities. Their artworks are the result of their experience and experiments with visual and electronic media. Many of these works explore thoughtful questions about our media-infused world, and the good, and perhaps ills, of our electronically connected society.

Hye Young Kim, Assistant Professor of Art with the Department of Art and Visual Studies, Winston-Salem State University, exhibits a projection work derived from 110 videos filmed in different locations in the U.S. and around the world. Using a mirror as a visual element the videos show an ongoing performance, in which two people close their eyes for three minutes and try to keep the closest distance possible without touching each other. This ongoing project captures psychologically intimate moments.

Lee Weisert, an Assistant Professor in the Music Department at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a composer of instrumental and electronic music, teams with composer Jonathan Kirk from Illinois in an experiment to bring visual form to real-time sound. By mathematically plotting the voltages of various sounds, a variety of shapes and patterns is achieved.

Another Assistant Art professor at UNC-Chapel Hill, Lien Troung uses her artwork to comment on today's political climate through a light box installation which employs flour as an unusual drawing medium.

Three Professors of Media and Design from NC State School of Design will create an interactive artwork that creates a visual puzzle that involves the moon and water, a piece by a Duke Professor of Dance projects into a tub of water, an underwater dancer.

The overall exhibition features 3D installations, projection art, interactive installations and performances. A cultural bridge is being created between Chapel Hill and Carrboro, focusing on the creativity of our region. The artwork will be on display between the hours of 6 P.M. and 10 P.M. on February 10, 2017. A giant lite-bright that people can manipulate, a shadow puppet display, and a mystery box are sure to delight viewers of all ages.

SHIMMER: The Art of Light is presented by Chapel Hill's Parks & Recreation Department and created by smArts creative programs & events, LLC. The event is sponsored by Duke Energy Foundation, Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership, Orange County/Chapel Hill Visitors Bureau, Carrboro Tourism Development Authority and the Town of Carrboro, the Chapel Hill/Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, the Rivers Agency and Ram Realty Services.

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