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**Charlotte Street Foundation is pleased to present**

***ART OMI INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS RESIDENCY - AN ARTIST TALK BY MAY TVEIT***

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 5:30 PM**

**PARAGRAPH GALLERY / 23 EAST 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**



Kicking off Charlotte Street's Urban Culture Project Third Friday Art Downtown on Friday, October 15, at 5:30pm Kansas City based artist May Tveit will present an artist talk at Paragraph Gallery, 23 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, about her experience at Art Omi International Artists Residency program in Upstate New York, which she attended this summer.

Each year, Charlotte Street sponsors one past Charlotte Street Visual Artist Award recipient at Art Omi. The International Artists Residency is a three week residency program for visual artists from around the world, which provides artists with a studio, living quarters and meals. The Residency combines uninterrupted time to create with a stimulating atmosphere of exchange, where experimentation, discourse and collaboration are encouraged. Each year, a different critic-in-residence lives on campus with the artists: they lead discussions and make one-on-one studio visits. Because of the proximity to New York City, residents are also visited by many prominent critics, gallerists, curators, and artists. Valuable contacts are made through these informal encounters. In the evenings, after dinner, the group gathers for lectures, slide presentations and panel discussions. The residency culminates with an Open Studios day open to the general public.

May Tveit, whose work includes ambitious, site-specific, temporal sculptural installations and interventions in galleries and in the public realm, will speak about her work and experience at Art Omi and the impact of the residency on her work, career, and creative process.

Tveit's work has received national critical reviews in *Art in America*, *Art Papers*, *National Public Radio*, *The Kansas City Star*, and *Review Magazine*. In addition to the Charlotte Street Visual Artist Award, honors and awards include an American Institute of Architects Allied Arts & Craftsmanship Award, ArtsKC Inspiration

Grant, University of Kansas Research Grants, and Hall Center for the Humanities Creative Work Fellowship. Most recently she was awarded a 2010 Rocket Grant, administered by Charlotte Street and the Spencer Museum of Art, and funded by the Warhol Foundation. Tveit holds a BFA from the Rhode Island School of Design, studied in Rome with the RISD European Honors Program, and received her Masters Degree from the Domus Academy in Milan, Italy. She has taught at the Rhode Island School of Design, Kansas City Art Institute and currently teaches at the University of Kansas and lives and works in Kansas City, Missouri.

***Urban Culture Project*** is an initiative of the Charlotte Street Foundation, an organization dedicated to making Kansas City a place where artists and art thrive. *Urban Culture Project* creates new opportunities for artists of all disciplines and contributes to urban revitalization by transforming spaces in downtown Kansas City into new venues for multi-disciplinary contemporary arts programming. For more information, visit **[www.charlottestreet.org](http://www.charlottestreet.org)**.