



Tchotchke Gallery Announces Its First Brick-and-Mortar Space in Brooklyn and Inaugural Group Show

Homecoming

January 10th, 2023 – February 11th, 2023

Opening Reception: January 10th, 2023, 6 - 8 pm

Tchotchke Gallery is proud to announce the opening of its first-ever physical space in East Williamsburg. Launched as an online platform at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Tchotchke has flourished over the course of two years, building an impressive roster of emerging artists. In light of this success, Tchotchke founders Danielle Dewar and Marlee Katz have decided to expand the gallery's footprint with a brick-and-mortar location. The gallery will inaugurate the new space with *Homecoming*, a group show featuring gallery artists Josiah Ellner, Debora Koo, Elena Redmond, and Rachael Tarravechia.

The decision to transition into a physical location was a natural progression for Tchotchke to build a space for its strong community and provide new opportunities for the gallery and its artists. "The transition was inspired by giving the artists on our program somewhere to routinely show their work in New York," says Dewar. Katz adds, "One of the reasons we are moving into a physical space is so that we can provide a further sense of community for our artists locally and a place for all of the artists on our program to show their work in person, in one of the art hubs of the world: New York."

The East Williamsburg location was an easy choice for Dewar and Katz. Along with nearby Bushwick, the area has a long history of being home to a vibrant artist community. While the pandemic saw the departure of many artists, the neighborhood is steadily regrowing with the support of new nonprofits, galleries, and cultural institutions. Tchotchke already had strong ties to the area, with many of their artists' operating studios nearby.

"The artists that we work with and the community that we have built not only stem from the digital space, but also from the physical proximity to East Williamsburg and Bushwick. Many artists' studios are down the street from the gallery," says Katz. "The ability to engage with artists from a professional and a personal bond made East Williamsburg a clear choice. We are looking forward to embracing its growing creative roots for our permanent space."

Dewar echoed these sentiments: "When evaluating our relationships with local artists, there is definitive overlap between those we have professional connections with and those we share friendships with. In the spirit of showing gratitude and support to these artists who continue to inspire us, East Williamsburg remains the choice for us to settle down and plant our roots."

An apt title, *Homecoming*, will inaugurate the new space and showcase the strong community of artists that Tchotchke has built over the last two years. The show embraces the end-of-year tradition of giving superlatives as a fun way to mark the closure of one chapter and the start of another, as well as an opportunity to highlight the different personalities and talents of each artist.

Tchotchke Gallery will open January 10th, 2023, with its inaugural exhibition, *Homecoming*, on view through February 11th at 311 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211.