PIKE PLACE MARKET ILLUMINATES THE ARTISTS OF THE MARKET WITH WEEKLONG CELEBRATION

Celebration to include video portraits of seven Market artists

SEATTLE (January XX, 2017) – In celebration of the more than 220 artists whose creations keep Pike Place Market colorful and vibrant all year long, the Market will be hosting Illumination, a weeklong festivity of the creative expression of Market artists from Monday, January 23 to Sunday, January 29, 2017.

Intended to highlight the depth and breadth of art on display throughout the Market, video portraits of featured artists will be posted each day of the week on the Pike Place Market website, Facebook, Instagram and Vimeo. There will also be two downloadable pocket guides including walking maps to help art-lovers explore further: one featuring public art installations and one featuring artists and galleries.

Seven individual artists will be highlighted, representing newcomers to the arts community as well as longtime, founding members. Artists are: Leonardo Lanzolla, painter; Tisbury Ennis, glass artist; Mutsuko Mitsui, ceramic artist; Scott Cahill Rude, Reflecting on Seattle; Sarah Clementson, Studio Solstone; Louie Gong, Eighth Generation; and Brooke Westlund, Brooke Westlund Gallery.

A free, public evening of art and conversation will be held on Thursday, January 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the Atrium Loft, featuring former craftsperson Clare Dohna and local artist John Fleming who will talk about their future public artworks to be installed in the MarketFront this spring. Longtime friends of the Market member and former Market Historical Commission chair, Susan Lane, will speak about the significant public artworks throughout the Market and the stories behind them.
Pike Place Market invites the public to explore artworks and meet artists through the hashtag #IlluminatePikePlace, which will become a gallery of the abundance of artistic offerings to be discovered throughout Pike Place Market.

Event Details

**WHAT:** Illumination, a seven-day celebration of the artists of Pike Place Market through video portraits and self-guided walking tours

**WHEN:** Monday, January 23 to Sunday, January 29, 2017

**WHERE:** Pike Place Market  
85 Pike Street  
Seattle, WA 98101

Illumination website- to help art-lovers explore the abundance of art the Market offers through video portraits and downloadable walking maps.

**WHAT:** Free evening of art and conversation with speakers Susan Lane, Clare Dohna and John Fleming who will talk about past and future public art works in the Market.

**WHEN:** Thursday, January 26, 2017  
5:30 to 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** Atrium Loft in the Economy Building  
1433 First Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98101

*Pike Place Market* is Seattle’s original farmers market, founded in 1907, and is one of the oldest continuously operating public markets in the U.S. The market operates within a nine-acre historic district and is a bustling neighborhood of hundreds of vendors, residents and businesses, including farmers, craftspeople, independent shops, buskers, and residents, many of whom are low-income seniors, and five social service agencies. [www.pikeplacemarket.org](http://www.pikeplacemarket.org).

The *Pike Place Market Preservation & Development Authority* (PDA) is a not-for-profit, public corporation chartered by the City of Seattle in 1973 to manage the properties in the nine-acre Market Historic District. The PDA’s charter is to preserve, rehabilitate and protect the Market’s buildings, increase opportunities for farm and food retailing in the Market, incubate and support small and marginal businesses, and provide services and affordable housing for low-income people.

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