A Chat with Evonne Davis of Gallery Aferro...

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If you’re not already aware... there’s a great event coming up here at JC Fab Lab... Here’s a little primer on this wonderful event and opportunity for artists brought to you by your friends at JC Fab Lab...

**Gallery Aferro at the JC FAB LAB with Evonne Davis** – Thurs. 3/19 @ 6:30PM

![Evonne Davis, left, and Emma Wilcox owners of Gallery Aferro in Newark. Photo courtesy of nj.com. Photo by Noah K. Murray.](https://example.com/image)

Calling all artists, art fans, and community arts supporters! We are honored to have a very special guest on Thurs. March 19: Evonne Davis of Gallery Aferro in Newark. Gallery Aferro has a truly remarkable story, and is now on the verge of a tremendous expansion. For the past 10 years, Evonne Davis and Emma Wilcox have built a center for emerging and established artists that is unparalleled. After building a successful gallery and artist residency program in their primary 20,000sq ft space on Market St. in Newark, they have recently launched a massive expansion to 90,000sq ft. of space that will include tremendous resources for artists — space to work, space to show work, and shared resources for creating work. In short, you must meet Evonne. She is, of course, a superb artist in her own right, and will be talking about her own career as an artist, and how Gallery Aferro was built. Evonne will be giving a brief presentation, and we’ll have a chat with her... including questions from you, and a generous amount of time to meet & mingle.
If you’re wondering about whether you should be here on Thursday, we give an unabashed yes, if any of the following describes you:

- **you are an aspiring artist** who would like to show your work locally and otherwise. This will be a great opportunity to learn about what kinds of artists show work and have residencies at Aferro.

- **you are a friend or member of JC Fab Lab**... you already know this is going to be great.

- **you’re an art fan/collector/junkie**... you care about art... and you know that hearing Evonne’s story, and the story of Gallery Aferro will enrich your knowledge & appreciation of the art world — and maybe you’ll find yourself talking about some great work that you might obtain through Aferro, too.

**Program Schedule**

6:30PM Doors Open, informal Lab tours

7:15PM Evonne Davis presentation + Q&A

8:15PM Lab tours... chat time, snacks & beverages

Please RSVP here on Eventbrite so we can get enough carrot sticks, hummus, and chairs set up.

Now... ahead of Thursday, we thought you’d appreciate a bit on what makes Evonne get up and go every day... so, we asked Evonne a few questions and here’s what she said:

**What was the spark that led you to start Gallery Aferro?**
I never intended to start an art gallery or a non profit. Gallery Aferro was born out of a very “Stone Soup” kind of thinking. When Emma and Danny and I left art school we were concerned about access to resources. We figured that if we shared what we had, so would others. Then we would all have more. Once we started it going, it took on a life of its own.

**Amongst recent or strongest memories... what were your best/proudest day at the Gallery... & worst day?**

Worst Day — construction debris removal. Dust, dirt, exhaustion, stink.

Best day — most days are amazing. I have an awesome job. I work with creative enthusiastic people every day. The auction is always a great day because I am humbled by the overwhelming generosity and support of our community. Don’t tell anyone but I often cry the day after the auction thinking about how many amazing friends and supporters show so much love.
Are you taking photographs these days? Is there something you are working on right now or something you saw recently that has truly inspired you?

I have been making a lot of functional and rough things: benches, etc. I am working on a project with rotary phones. As you can imagine I don’t get a lot of studio time, so what time I do get is very special and very focused. Honestly, I am pretty inspired by JC Fab Lab — anytime someone is following a dream, that inspires me. Tools also inspire me. I like to fix things so tools are like toys.

**What are you hoping to get out of your evening JC Fab Lab?**

I’m hoping that someone thinks we might be cool enough to check out. I’m hoping to meet new people and learn something about the kind of work your members are doing.

Please do check out Evonne’s bio and info about Gallery Aferro on their website here.

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