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The Social Justice Collaboration Quilts Project
featuring the Quilts of Angola Prison
Curated by Maureen Kelleher


Oct 5 - Nov 22, 2019
Gallery Aferro Main Gallery
73 Market Street, Newark

OPENING RECEPTION
October 5, 2019
7pm - 10pm

GALLERY HOURS
Wednesday - Saturday
12pm - 6pm
and by appointment

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Participating Artists:
Etienne
Maureen Kelleher
Kenya
Ramsey Orta
Dr. Mutulu Shakur
Sharif
Teresa
Zulu
An exhibition can act as an undeniable clarion call to the world and all who wish to see it transformed for the better. The Social Justice Collaboration Quilts Project featuring the Quilts of Angola Prison is such an exhibition. A loving, compelling collaboration of creativity, the exhibit features the work of free persons and lifers of the infamous Louisiana State Penitentiary, better known as Angola Prison.

Artist and private investigator Maureen Kelleher has curated an ongoing collaboration between individuals incarcerated at Louisiana State Penitentiary and elsewhere, alongside free civilians, utilizing handmade quilts, musical accompaniment, and experiential narratives to connect two worlds.

Kelleher’s skills have been instrumental in helping exonerate three men off Louisiana’s death row, in addition to assisting the renowned justice reform organization, The Innocence Project, on a non-DNA case to aid in the release of an innocent man with a life sentence. She has crafted a showcase that includes music from artists such as Irma Thomas, Delfeyo Marsalis, Cat Power, and the Venerable Robina Courtin, with endorsements from Harriet Tubman scholar Dr. Kate Clifford-Larson and others. The original fabric art created by the hands of inspiring artists, including members of the Louisiana State Penitentiary Hospice Program; Dr. Mutulu Shakur, the godfather of Tupac Shakur; and Ramsey Orta, the man who recorded the death of Eric Garner; will grace Aferro’s Main Gallery, creating an immersive environment for affirming our collective humanity.