

# STAND4

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The Narrows, Jennifer Jo McGregor, 2026  
Image courtesy of the artist

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CHARTING THE NARROWS & THE HARBOR  
Artwork by Jennifer Jo McGregor

May 16 - June 27, 2026  
Opening Reception - Saturday, May 16, 3:00 - 6:00 PM

Special programming:

May 23, 3:00 - 4:00  
Nicole Peyrafitte artist and poet, reads from *Interglacial Narrows* by Pierre Joris

June 13, 3:00 - 5:00  
Go Fly a Kite / Air Trust with Jan Mun

June 27, 3:00 - 5:00  
Artist Talk and Closing reception

Stand4 Gallery and Community Arts Space is pleased to announce *Charting the Narrows & The Harbor*, a solo installation by artist Jennifer Jo McGregor. This is McGregor's first exhibition as an artist at Stand4 Gallery. She was the curator of Stand4's first and second public art biennials, *Bay Ridge Through an Ecological Lens* and *Essential Shore, Permeable Future*, which focused on the community and ecology of Bay Ridge. McGregor's immersive biennial work with Stand4 is the inspiration for this place-based installation. Collaborations with past biennial artists, Jan Mun and Nicole Peyrafitte will be included in the exhibition's programming.

CHARTING THE NARROWS & THE HARBOR  
*Search with curiosity and questions,  
assemble materials at hand,  
evoke memories rooted in place and time.*

The Narrows, the majestic entrance to the New York Harbor, defines Bay Ridge. A mile to the east a visitor enters Stand4 Gallery and encounters The Narrows, a kaleidoscope of color extending across the main wall evoking an experience of the light, sound, wind, and the shoreline's weather. The artwork is composed of hundreds of spirals made from repurposed sweaters collected for this project.

On the surrounding walls, a series of cast paper and encaustic assemblages explore perspectives and relationships between land and water. The artworks are inspired by maps in the collection of the New York Public Library that date from 1747, 1844, and 1905. Originally created for mariners to navigate the Lower and Upper Bays of the New York Harbor and for planners to establish sources of encroaching pollution, the maps document place names, navigational features, changing forms of transportation and expanded neighborhoods.

In this new work, Jennifer Jo McGregor expands her approach to place by constructing artifacts based on research and familiarity. She became acquainted with Bay Ridge through curating three exhibitions at Stand4 Gallery. Her notebooks from these projects were used for the map series. She is grateful to the support of an expanding network that has helped make this work possible.

Sweaters provided by: Joan Bankemper, Nancy Cohen, Fiona Cutting, Wendy Feuer, Goodwill NY/NJ, Susan Rowe Harrison, Elizabeth Keithline, Laurel Marx, MyUnique Thrift Bronx, Danita Nichols, Renee Piechocki's clothing swap, Mary Prevo, Marc Shanker, Liam, Theo & Maisie Vorio.

Production Angels: Jeannine Bardo, Carey Clark, Fiona Cutting, Leslie Guiliani, SR LeJeune, Jan Mun.

#### *CHARTING THE NARROWS & THE HARBOR* SPECIAL PROGRAMMING:

May 23

3:00 - 4:00

Place: Stand4 Gallery

Nicole Peyrafitte artist and poet, reads from *Interglacial Narrows* by Pierre Joris, a collection that draws on his own poems and his work as a translator and essayist, and was conceived at the edge of The Narrows. Peyrafitte participated in *Essential Shore / Permeable Future* at Stand4 last year.

June 13

3:00 - 5:00

Place: Veteran's Memorial Pier

Go Fly a Kite / Air Trust with Jan Mun – experience The Narrows by kite flying at the Veteran's Memorial Pier. Microcosmos, lichen, humans, and the air we breathe are brought together in these custom-made kites, resembling safety vests for increased visibility. Tardigrades, stentors, and others in the microcosmos are featured on the kite surface; these tiny, yet incredibly resilient creatures live in local lichen which are bioindicators of air quality. Mun participated in *Essential Shore / Permeable Future* at Stand4 last year

June 27

3:00 - 5:00

Artist Talk and Closing

Please join us for the closing reception of *Charting The Harbor & The Narrows* and a discussion with artist Jennifer Jo McGregor

#### ABOUT JENNIFER JO MCGREGOR

Jennifer Jo McGregor is an accomplished curator, arts planner and writer who is re-engaging as a maker of objects. Trained as an artist, she has approached all her work through that lens of a creator. Her project oriented art practice draws on her archive, experience, and curiosity about our sensory relationship to place. My utilizing what's at hand, often textiles and paper she creates elements that may be presented as installations. Her place-based curating focuses on ecological, historical, and cultural concerns, a framework she shaped over two decades at Wave Hill a public garden and cultural center in the Bronx. She collaborates with organizations to activate public spaces and create opportunities for artists nationwide. She learned to work in the public realm as by initiating New York City's and Percent for Art Program in the 1980s.

#### ABOUT STAND4 GALLERY

Founded in January 2017 as an artist-run initiative, Stand4 is now a not-for-profit serving the community of Bay Ridge and the surrounding South Brooklyn communities.

Stand4 Gallery and Community Art Center's pursuit is to be alive and working towards a better world through the arts as an active medium of engagement. Stand4 serves as a generator of meaning, action, agency, collaboration, and social justice. It is shapeless, nonconforming, and responsive to the times.

Housed in a former medical office in the heart of Bay Ridge, Stand4 brings the visual arts and programming to the center of the community, opening up opportunities for social, political and cultural connections and creating a discourse that bridges culture and tradition and includes new voices towards a more sustainable future inspired by local interests.

Stand4 Mission: To bring visual arts programming to the center of the community and to serve as a catalyst to create a socially and environmentally just and sustainable future, inclusive of community voices and inspired by local interests.

Location / Stand4 Gallery and Community Arts Space  
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Hours / Saturday, 12-3 PM and by appointment.

Contact Artistic Director Jeannine Bardo to schedule an appointment.

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