

# The Clay Studio

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**The Clay Studio is Awarded Major Pew Center for Arts & Heritage Grant:  
Award will Fund Inaugural Exhibition in New Location**

*Our inaugural exhibition, Making Place Matter, will establish our new gallery as a laboratory for our twofold mission: to serve artists in our community, and our community with art.*

*- Jennifer Zwilling, Curator of Artistic Programs, The Clay Studio*

**PHILADELPHIA, PA** - The Clay Studio has been awarded a prestigious exhibition grant from the Pew Center for Arts & Heritage. *Making Place Matter* will be an ambitious and experimental six-month exhibition, symposium, and publication premiering spring 2021. *Making Place Matter* will also be the inaugural exhibition at The Clay Studio's new gallery and studio space located in the heart of Philadelphia's Kensington neighborhood. Building a resonant conversation between clay artists and audiences in our new gallery, *Making Place Matter* will be organized around the complex and contemporary meanings of place in today's social conversation.

Artists Kukuli Velarde, Molly Hatch, and Ibrahim Said will explore the idea of place with regard to personal history, cultural history, and social justice. *Making Place Matter* will be a twofold project to celebrate the opening of our new building and the launch of our new exhibition-related Visitor Engagement Gallery, inviting visitors to create artwork in response to the work they see in our galleries. We believe this new addition will allow visitors to form deeper connections to art, artists, and The Clay Studio. In addition, a symposium and publication will further the exhibition's reach, allow for deeper thinking, and document the project. Our new location is a well-established community comprised of diverse constituent groups with robust cultural lives. We look forward to creating meaningful, lasting partnerships with our new neighbors, as well as to strengthening our established national and international reputation.

We are extremely grateful to the Pew Center for Arts & Heritage for awarding us this generous grant. Visit us at [theclaystudio.org](http://theclaystudio.org)

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