



MISSION STATEMENT

The Alper Initiative for Washington Art promotes an understanding and appreciation of the art and artists of the Washington Metropolitan Area.

WE DO THIS BY:

- Providing and staffing a dedicated space within the American University Museum.
- Encouraging dialogue about the history of Washington art and today's emerging and established artists through stimulating programs and provocative events.
- Developing high quality exhibitions, educational programs, and documentation.
- Fostering connections between local artists and the DC community
- Providing resources for the study of Washington art and artists

WE BELIEVE:

- The History of Washington art should be preserved, presented and created.
- The DC art community should have accessible resources to learn about the history of DC art, engage with art created by local artists today, and have a platform to exchange ideas.
- Artists should have a space to go to where they can exhibit, network with other artists, interact with collectors, critics, curators, and build their capacity.

The AIWA is a 2,000 square foot space located in the American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center. There are 5 exhibitions of Washington art per year. The space includes a common gathering space, exhibition and event space, and film and video screening capabilities. We are the only museum space dedicated to the display, research, and encouragement of the region's art and artistic community.