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***exTANT* sound installation launches at the Tannery February 3 on First Friday**

SANTA CRUZ, CA — January 13, 2023 — The community is invited to experience *exTANT*, an audio tour of the labor history of the 8-acre Tannery Arts Center site along the banks of the San Lorenzo River.

exTANT is a collaboration between public historian Kathleen Aston and media artist Yulia Gilich. *exTANT* traces historical linkages between communities who lived and worked in the area throughout the centuries: local Indigenous peoples, former Salz Tannery workers, and the Tannery Art Center live/work artists. Through oral history interviews, archival materials, and poetic soundscapes, *exTANT* considers the impacts the site has had on the workers, residents, and environment.

“This project will enrich community collections through the development of relevant oral histories,” says Kathleen Aston. “The history of the site is so rich and layered. We’re excited to share it with the community,” added Yulia Gilich.

The project is a locative sound installation accessible via a mobile phone application. It functions like an audio tour. Participants download the app and as they move through the

Tannery campus, their GPS coordinates trigger sound pieces associated with specific locations.

exTANt is part of a year-long series of public art projects produced by Arts Council Santa Cruz County in partnership with Radius Gallery and First Friday at the Tannery Arts Center. *exTANt* will go live and be available for download at extanttannery.com. Meet the artists for the project launch and a special popup exhibit in Studio 112 at the Tannery on February 3rd First Friday from 5pm to 9pm. Or [RSVP](#) to attend a Lunch Launch with the artists Saturday February 4th between 1pm and 3pm.

The Tannery Arts Center is located at 1050-1070 River Street in Santa Cruz, CA. Parking is free.

Learn more about the project at extanttannery.com. Learn more about the Tannery public art projects at bit.ly/tannery-public-art.

About the Tannery Arts Center

The Tannery Arts Center is a first-in-the-nation art community that provides a sustainable, accessible, and vibrant home for the arts in Santa Cruz County. Home to 100 live/work lofts, 28 artist studios, Jewel Theatre at the [Colligan Theater](#), [Tannery World Dance & Cultural Center](#), [Radius Gallery](#), and the North County offices of [Arts Council Santa Cruz County](#). Members of the public can experience the Tannery through classes, exhibitions, [Open Studios](#), and [First Fridays](#).

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About Arts Council Santa Cruz County

The Arts Council's mission is to nurture and invest in artists, culture, and the arts. Together, we're building a stronger Santa Cruz County, where all artists have access to the resources they need to thrive; where a full range of creative expression is accessible to everyone; and the arts are recognized for their essential contributions to a healthy, vibrant, and representative community.

Through grants to artists and arts organizations, arts education programs that serve more than 20,000 youth across Santa Cruz County, and community initiatives such as Open Studios, the Tannery Arts Center and the Watsonville Center for the Arts, we help Santa Cruz County thrive. Learn more at artscouncilsc.org.