



# Artise Fletcher: Commemorative Strands

## September 17 – October 22, 2022

### Transformer's 19th Annual DC Artist Solo Exhibition

Artise Fletcher's first solo exhibition, *Commemorative Strands*, will explore the sociological meanings and issues surrounding hair, especially in Black culture. Referencing and reinterpreting traditional African commemorative cloths – brightly and intricately designed tapestries honoring individuals, political figures, occasions, and more – Fletcher's exhibition will present reimagined versions of these cloths using synthetic Kanekalon hair, along with photographs and projected video works.

Artise Fletcher is a self-taught visual artist born and raised in Washington, DC. Fletcher's practice explores the relationship Black women have with hair – how it affects their health, identity, self-esteem, and environment – and unpacks the significance of hair as a personal form of expression. Fletcher narrates individual stories to assert our unique nature. Through Fletcher's use of imagery and unconventional textiles she celebrates inclusion through the narratives that unfold through her work.

### Exhibition Programming:

#### OPENING RECEPTION

Sat., Sept. 17, 4–6pm, Transformer

#### ARTIST TALK

Tue., Sept. 20, 6pm, IGLive @transformerdc

#### STRENGTHENING OUR BOND WORKSHOP

Sat., Oct. 1, 2–4pm, Transformer

#### FRAMEWORK PANEL #31

Wed., Oct. 12, 6–8pm, Zoom

Exhibition Hours: Wednesday – Saturday, 12–6pm, and by appointment.

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