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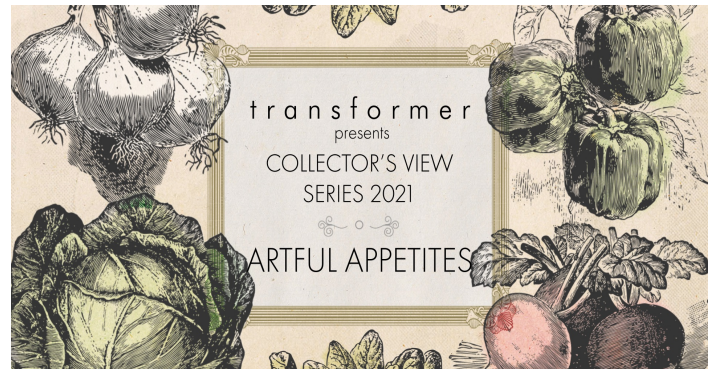
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Transformer proudly presents -  
*Collector's View 2021: Artful Appetites*

Launch Party:  
Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 6:30 – 9PM EST  
Outside in the Comet Ping Pong Parking Lot

Online Series Premieres: June 10, 2021



*Collector's View 2021: Artful Appetites* is Transformer's 14<sup>th</sup> iteration of our annual *Collector's View* Series that highlights diverse groups of prominent contemporary art collectors, unique and dynamic private art collections, and insightful collector viewpoints on the artists and artworks that inspire them. Each year, *Collector's View* provides audience participants with intimate, insider perspectives on the motivations, interests, and passions of our collector Hosts, special Views of the artwork they collect, and reflections on their relationship with artists, galleries, art spaces, and museums.

This year we are excited to present twelve video 'Views' highlighting the intersection of art, food, and design. Through this year's special series of interviews and conversations conducted by Transformer throughout the month of May, *Collector's View 2021: Artful Appetites* highlights the significant connection between food and visual art - two vital, creative industries that nurture and inspire people! Curated by Transformer's Executive & Artistic Director Victoria Reis, with production by Transformer staff, each video 'View' is as unique as our collector Hosts.

Transformer is honored to spotlight an exceptional line up of chefs and restauranteurs who embrace visual art in their kitchens, restaurants, and everyday lives, including:

Gerald Addison, *Bammy's*  
Ashok Bajaj, *Annabelle*  
Amy Brandwein, *Centrolina*  
Erik Bruner-Yang, *Maketto*  
Christian Irabién, *Muchas Gracias!*  
Anthony Mangieri, *Una Pizza Napoletana* in conversation with artist Sara Stadtmiller  
Joan Nathan, *Author & Chef* cooking with Amy Brandwein, *Centrolina*  
Lizzy Evelyn & Nick Pimentel, *Ellé*  
Rose Previte, *Maydan* in conversation with artist Janelle Whisenant  
Cizuka Seki, *izakaya SEKI*  
Kiran Saund & John Snyder, *Saund & Snyder*  
Clementine Thomas & Sam Vasfi, *Bold Fork Books*

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“Food and art have always gone hand in hand in nurturing people’s bodies and minds. As our communities open back up to dining out this spring, Transformer is excited to invite viewers to ‘tune in’ and experience uplifting & insightful video Views with heartfelt stories of ‘artful appetites’ by some of our favorite DC chefs and restaurateurs, as well as special guest chefs and artists from outside the District.”

– Victoria Reis, Founder, Executive & Artistic Director, Transformer

**Collector’s View 2021: Artful Appetites** will premiere with a launch party on Tuesday, June 8, 6:30–9pm, in the revamped outside parking lot dining space of *Comet Ping Pong*, *Buck’s Fishing & Camping* and *Muchas Gracias!* in NW Washington, DC. The event will be limited to 100 people. Advance ticket purchase is required. Each \$50 ticket comes with light fare and two complimentary drink tickets (beer/wine). Proceeds will support Transformer’s ongoing programs to fund emerging visual artists. Event registration and further details are available at: [launchpartycollectorsview2021.eventbrite.com](http://launchpartycollectorsview2021.eventbrite.com).

The full **Collector’s View 2021: Artful Appetites** series will launch online Thursday, June 10 for free viewing enjoyment throughout the month of June. Advance registration is required: [collectorsview2021.eventbrite.com](http://collectorsview2021.eventbrite.com).

‘Appetizers’ of the series will be shared across Transformer’s social media platforms throughout the run of the series. Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter at [@transformerdc](https://www.instagram.com/transformerdc).

**Collector’s View 2021: Artful Appetites** was filmed, edited, and produced by Kenny Giarla & Jisung Kim in collaboration with Transformer staff. Design by Bronson Arcuri.

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**t r a n s f o r m e r** is a Washington, DC based 501 (c) 3 artist-centered, non-profit visual arts organization. Founded in June 2002 by artists & arts organizers, Transformer’s mission is to connect, elevate, and serve a diversity of emerging artists and arts leaders. We develop innovative, multi-faceted exhibition and program platforms, both independently and through global partnerships, to present artists’ evolving ideas and work, advance new and best visual arts practices, and engage audiences with emerging contemporary art. Transformer is committed to diversity, professional excellence, artist equity, open dialogue, expansive cultural exchange, and freedom of artistic expression.

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