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Courtesy Martha Brim

RICHLAND LIBRARY NAMES NEXT ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

Meet Choreographer & Dancer Martha Brim

Columbia, SC- A local artist, who has served as a Columbia College dance professor for nearly 35 years, is ready to share her talents with **Richland Library** over the next four months. We're **excited to welcome Martha Brim as our next artist-in-residence, starting January 13.**

With a background as choreographer, educator and arts professional, Brim has a rich legacy of creativity, mentoring multiple generations of dance students and artists across disciplines. **Founder of The Power Company Collaborative in 2000**, she continues to investigate large-scale performance installations that involve musicians, designers and artists as co-creators.

Brim is the recipient of numerous choreographic commissions, awards and professional acknowledgements. Her work is described as "intelligently conceived... quirky with shrewd, robust humor."

During her residency, Brim plans to host weekly office hours at our Main location (1431 Assembly Street), answering questions while sharing her knowledge and experience with others. **She's coordinating with our arts librarian as well to offer an array of free programs for all ages, which focus on identity and transformation.**

In addition, Brim intends to work on a community performance installation that combines textiles, collage, printmaking and movement. **Her residency lasts through mid-May 2020.**



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Initially developed in September 2016, the concept behind Richland Library's artist-in-residence is to connect the community with local, working artists and to provide creative and educational opportunities to local residents in a way that supports cultural and artistic exchange.

For questions, please contact Emily Stoll at 803-587-3637 or email estoll@richlandlibrary.com.

About Richland Library

Awarded the National Medal in 2017 by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Richland Library is a vibrant, contemporary organization that provides resources and information that advance the Midlands. Offering state-of-the-art technology, a variety of literary and cultural programs and 13 bustling facilities located throughout the county, Richland Library provides a truly customizable, modern library experience for residents and visitors alike.

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