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Highlights From the Sharpe-Walentas Open Studios

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Studio of Julia Bland. Photo: Taylor Dafoe.

Last weekend the artists of the Sharpe-Walentas Studio Program opened their doors for open studios.

The Marie Walsh Sharpe Art Foundation (renamed the Sharpe-Walentas in 2014) was founded in 1984, and each year awards 17 artists studio spaces in Brooklyn for a 12-month residency. The studio program is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

Located in Dumbo, the studios are in a converted industrial space with tall windows opening out to cobblestone streets, old factory buildings, and the underbelly of the Brooklyn Bridge. There is a palpable history of art-making in the space, from the paint-covered windowpanes to the list of previous occupants posted outside every studio door. The program has hosted many notable names, including N. Dash, Josephine Halvorson, Dorothea Rockburne, Josiah McElheny, Sarah Sze, and Mira Schor, among others.

This year's residents include Yezgeniya Baras, Maria Berrio, Julia Bland, Mike Cloud, Cesar Cornejo, Michael Dixon, Chris Domenick, Austin English, Steffani Jemison, Aliza Nisenbaum, Norm Paris, Kara Rooney, Victoria Roth, Jessica Segall, Tomas Vu, Nat Ward, and Zachary Wollard.

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