

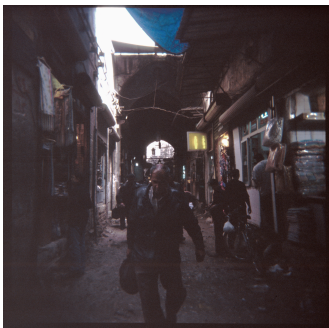
Artist Talk w/ Jason Hamacher, Founder of Lost Origins Gallery, & Samir Katerji, Syrian Civil Architect



Lost Origins Gallery, the Friendship Heights Alliance and Pepco invite you to join us Sunday, Nov. 20, 3-5 p.m. for a cultural conversation with Jason Hamacher, documentarian and founder of Lost Origins Gallery, and Samir Katerji, former Civil Architect from Aleppo, Syria. They will discuss Hamacher's new collection of Syrian photographs currently on exhibit at the Pepco Harrison Window Gallery at 5210 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The program will take place outside (please dress warmly), in front of the Harrison Window Gallery.



Hamacher's latest collection, taken in Aleppo, Syria in 2006, before the start of the civil war, is unique given that they were captured on a plastic "toy" camera and artfully depict some of Aleppo's most iconic cultural monuments: the Great Synagogue of Aleppo, the Great Mosque of Aleppo, St. George's Syrian Orthodox Church, and the Souk (market). Katerji and Hamacher will discuss the cultural significance of the photographs, history of the buildings, and communities represented.



The Harrison Window Gallery is part of Pepco's Harrison substation, which was modernized and rebuilt in 2021. This is the third exhibit since the window gallery launched last year. The Friendship Heights Alliance was founded in November 2021 to provide creative programming, place management, and placemaking in the area. Its members include property owners and stakeholders in the Friendship Heights area both in Washington, D.C. and Montgomery County, Md.