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Working Artists to Discuss Entrepreneurship at the BMI on November 9

Baltimore, Maryland - The Baltimore Museum of Industry will welcome full-time working artists—including self-trained machinist Chris Bathgate—to present a panel discussion about entrepreneurship and building an art practice as a business on Thursday, November 9, 2017 from 7pm-8:30pm.

Panelists Chris Bathgate (sculptor), Will Holman (Open Works), Krystal Mack (BLK//SUGAR & BLK//MARKET), Kyle Van Horn (Baltimore Print Studios), Jason Bass (Treason Toting Company), and Keisha Ransome (2live2love) will share experiences and perspectives on pursuing a creative passion while making a living. The panel will be moderated by Cara Ober of BmoreArt, and is free and open to the public.

Will Holman is founding executive director of Baltimore makerspace Open Works while Krystal Mack is an award-winning baker, writer, and creative consultant. Kyle Van Horn is co-owner of Baltimore Print Studios, and Jason Bass is CEO and creative director of Treason Toting Company. Keisha Ransome is a Baltimore-based fashion designer and Etsy educator, and program moderator Cara Ober is an artist, editor, arts writer, and founder of BmoreArt magazine.

“I think what we hope to achieve with this talk is to highlight that whether you are an artist, a craftsperson, or in some other creative field, we have a lot more in common and a lot to learn from each other when it comes to making a living from work we find meaningful,” says Chris Bathgate—Working Artists panelist and program organizer, and the artist behind the BMI’s temporary exhibition REINVENTION: The Work of Chris Bathgate.

Issues in Industry: Working Artists is presented as part of the Baltimore Museum of Industry's Issues in Industry program series, and follows earlier fall programs on de-industrialization and the "gig economy." Come early and enjoy dinner from various food truck options from 4pm to 8pm. Indoor seating is available.

ABOUT THE BMI:

The Baltimore Museum of Industry celebrates Maryland's industrial legacy and shows how innovation fuels ongoing progress. Our exhibitions, educational programs, and collections engage visitors in the stories of the people who built Baltimore and those who shape the region's future.

VISITOR INFORMATION:

The Baltimore Museum of Industry is located at 1415 Key Highway, Inner Harbor South, Baltimore, MD 21230. The BMI is open Tuesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and closed Mondays and certain holidays. Free on-site parking is available. Admission prices, general museum information and directions can be found at www.thebmi.org. Follow us on Facebook at [BaltimoreMuseumofIndustry](https://www.facebook.com/BaltimoreMuseumofIndustry) and on Twitter at [@BMIatWork](https://twitter.com/BMIatWork).