

Alfred University alumna named Cultural Exchange Diplomat Artist

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Alfred University alumna Amy Karle has been selected as a Cultural Diplomatic Exchange Artist and will travel abroad, addressing community issues through diplomacy, social innovation and cross-cultural art collaborations.

Exchange artists serve through the American Arts Incubator Program, which is hosted by ZERO1 and the U.S. Department of State. ZERO1 describes itself as a Silicon Valley-based “hybrid arts organization” that connects “creative explorers in art, science, and technology to provoke and explore new ideas that build engaged and vibrant communities.”

Karle, who earned a BFA degree and a BA degree in philosophy from Alfred in 2002, is a renowned new media artist and fashion designer. She is CEO and principal artist/designer at Conceptual Art Technologies in San Francisco.

In her role as Cultural Diplomatic Exchange Artist, Karle will be in Warsaw, Poland, from April 13 to May 19, collaborating with the community, local partners and the United States Embassy. She will lead a free workshop, incubator and small grants program that empowers women in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) to create projects that address social issues and provoke new ideas aimed at shaping a more resilient future.

Participants will learn to conceive, develop, create and share their work in a captivating way through gathering and sharing documentation, collaboration, project planning, pitch training and presentation in the model of a Silicon Valley incubator. Participants will share their work online, in a presentation with panel review, and in a public exhibition at the end of this workshop. Karle will also give artist talks and exhibit artwork created during this time as well. The workshop and exhibition will take place primarily in Copernicus Science Center in Warsaw, one of the largest science museums in Europe.