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## ***In Material: Fiber 2012* opens at the University of Pennsylvania's Arthur Ross Gallery on January 28**

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***In Material*** opens at the University of Pennsylvania's Arthur Ross Gallery on January 28, 2012. The exhibition presents four artists who bring innovation to the field of fiber art and deconstruct the popular definition of textile art with their use of unexpected materials.

Lucy Arai, currently based in California, was apprenticed in the practice of sashiko, a decorative stitching process, which she re-invigorates and applies to handmade paper and mixed media. Sonya Clark, who is Chair of Craft/Material Studies Department at Virginia Commonwealth University, uses thread, plastic combs, human hair, and found objects to create works inspired by her ancestry. Philadelphia-based artist Mi-Kyoung Lee, who is chair of the Fiber Arts Department at the University of the Arts, has had her woven backdrops incorporated into theater productions around the globe. Cynthia Schira, whose work is in the Philadelphia Museum of Art collection, digitally connects art and language in her elaborately patterned Jacquard cloths.

The exhibition is presented in conjunction with FiberPhiladelphia 2012, an international biennial for fiber and textile art, and in cooperation with Snyderman-Works Galleries. The Arthur Ross Gallery is pleased to partner with more than 30 other venues across the Philadelphia region to concurrently exhibit fiber art that incorporates new technologies, new materials, and contemporary artistic concerns. This exhibition was curated by Arthur Ross Gallery's Associate Director and Associate Curator Dejáy B. Duckett.

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*The Gallery is located at 220 South 34th Street, Philadelphia, and is free and open to the public. HOURS: Weekdays 10:00am – 5:00pm; Weekends 12:00pm – 5:00pm. Closed Mondays. Visit us on Facebook*

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