



Växjö, Sweden, March 2017. Alison Aune and Anne Labovitz with a group of students in front of "Choices" featuring student participation.

# 122 Conversations

## Person to Person, Art Beyond Borders

September 25, 2018 - January 6, 2019

**122 Conversations: Person to Person, Art Beyond Borders** is an artist-led project based on the art of engagement — art derived from the process of interconnection and cross-cultural dialogue. Organized by the Tweed Museum of Art and in collaboration with Duluth Sister Cities, International and University of Minnesota Duluth, School of Fine Arts, the project celebrates the combined 122 years of relationship with Duluth's five sister Cities: Rania, Iraqi Kurdistan, Växjö, Sweden, Petrozavodsk, Russia, Thunder Bay, Canada and Ohara Isumi-City, Japan. The project is a catalyst for positive social change, one individual at a time.

The artwork in the exhibition represents two years of planning and 60 Skype or in person interviews involving ten residents from each of the five sister cities of Duluth, including the mayor of each city. The large scale paintings created by Labovitz in her studio are inspired by the spirited interview exchanges. Each of the artworks depict an interpretative vision of the conversations that include words, and descriptions of the experiences that relate to the individuals involved.

**122 Conversations** will be exhibiting at the Tweed Museum of Art September 25, 2018 through January 6, 2019. Your students have the opportunity to exhibit their artwork alongside the project joining artwork contributed by students from all of Duluth's sister cities.

The Tweed welcomes student groups of all ages.

Please contact [info@122conversations.com](mailto:info@122conversations.com) to schedule your tour.



**Please join in!** The exhibition will offer opportunities for participation in an international collaboration with a call for student artwork, tours with hands-on art making, and an art teacher workshop and reception on Sunday, October 14, 2018 from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. hosted by Ken Bloom, director at the Tweed Museum of Art, Alison Aune, professor and area chair of art education at University of Minnesota, and artist Anne Labovitz. Come meet the artist!

### How to submit student work:

- Have your students design a piece of art depicting peace using text, images or abstraction to share with the world. The artwork should be square.
- Send JPEGs of student work by September 15, 2018 to [info@122conversations.com](mailto:info@122conversations.com). Include first name, age and school student attends.

Artwork will be printed onto squares and exhibited in the Tweed Activity Gallery during the *122 Conversations* culminating exhibition.

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