**RELEASE: Innovative Art Center Opens in Antigua, Guatemala**

**Antigua, Guatemala**

La Nueva Fábrica is a new art center poised to bring distinguished contemporary art and historic photography to Antigua, Guatemala, while exhibiting the innovative work being made within its artist residency program. La Nueva Fábrica opens to the public on February 13th, 2019.

The first multidisciplinary art center of its kind in Guatemala, La Nueva Fábrica acts as a nexus for the vibrant Guatemalan art community, visiting artists, curators, scholars, and travelers from around the world.

As a popular travel destination, Antigua’s colonial architecture draws a wide array of global visitors, but can limit the types of artwork that can be shown in regulated historic spaces. La Nueva Fábrica is located on the previous site of a textile factory, with sun-lit, minimalist galleries that offer uniquely flexible and ample space.

La Nueva Fábrica will open with four exhibitions: *Memory in Line*, a large-scale textile installation with multimedia accompaniments from Mexican artist duo Lake Verea; a selection of sculpture and photography from the archive of the late Guatemalan artist Lissie Habie; and *Mutation* by Alejandra Hidalgo; and *Apollo-Soyuz-Chapultepec-Project* by Simón Vega.

As a space dedicated to active making and exploration, La Nueva Fábrica includes an artist residency program and a gallery for emerging artists. The neighboring artisanal textile factory offers artists in residence access to its resources, so that they can create work across a wide array of media. La Nueva Fábrica’s shares the art being made on-site with a broader audience by hosting artist-curated exhibitions and highlighting artwork from the residency program.

La Nueva Fábrica also houses the historic photography archive and personal works of Lissie Habie, the late co-founder of New Roots Foundation. Along with her husband Mitchell Denburg, she collected historic and experimental Latin American photography with the intention of keeping this work in Guatemala and sharing it with the public.

La Nueva Fábrica is part of New Roots Foundation’s Art & Culture Program which, for the past six years, has been promoting and strengthening Guatemalan participation in the visual arts, fostering international connections between cultures, and inspiring dialogue and collaboration through creative spaces. New Roots Foundation is a US 501 (C)(3) and Public Charity.

**At La Nueva Fábrica, visitors can**:

* Explore galleries with rotating exhibits of contemporary art, historic photography, and the artwork of Lissie Habie
* Peruse our design store highlighting the work of local makers, savor a refreshment at our café inside two racing buses, and enjoy our gardens.
* Attend regular workshops, classes, lectures, concerts, open studios, and performances. Community members and organizations are likewise welcome to apply to host these types of events.
* Sign up for individual sessions or group workshops.

**La Nueva Fábrica includes**:

* 650 square meters of public gallery and exhibition space
* 150 square meters of private workshops and studio space
* 50 square meters of archive space

“La Nueva Fábrica is a place where real things are made by real people using real materials.”

* *Sheila Hicks, Artist*

“La Nueva Fábrica as an art space provided us with generous spatial, in-person, and material support, allowing us to create a large-scale piece that was unprecedented in our artistic careers."

* *Carla Verea and Francisca Rivero-Lake, 2018 artists in residence*

"La Nueva Fábrica encourages an environment of collaboration and exchange. Our location adjoining a textile atelier sparks artist residency projects to unfold in unexpected ways. We’ve seen compelling ideas arise when artists fall into rhythm with the factory and its peculiarities, and suspend disbelief long enough to imagine a different way of doing things.”

* *Jamie Denburg Habie, Director of Art & Culture*

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