



ART & DEMOCRACY IV

WHO: Visual Artists Guild (VAG), a non-profit organization championing the right of freedom of speech and expression.

WHAT: ART & DEMOCRACY IV exhibition

WHEN: Thursday, October 8 from 6 – 9 pm, future events: 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 12/3. All are free. The exhibit runs continually from October 8 through December 31, 2009. RSVP for all events to: visual.artists.guild.nyc@gmail.com

WHERE: Gallery H, 222 East 34th Street (betw. 2nd & 3rd Aves.) New York City

WHY: Commemorating the 20th Anniversaries of the Tiananmen Square Massacre and the fall of the Berlin Wall.

The public is invited to attend the opening, meet the artists, and enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, door prizes, and gift bags. The celebration continues through December 31 with a three-month long series of programming including a poetry reading and film screenings.

Following three successful shows in Los Angeles, this is the first New York exhibition. Recognizing that ART is the most powerful vehicle for expression and that DEMOCRACY deals with the Rights of Society as a whole, artists have submitted works and proposals of all media relating to the political and social struggles of our world and the human desire for civil liberties.

Participating artists include Taiwan-born Long-bin Chen, known for his sculptures and installations carved from telephone books and Yellow Pages. Special for this exhibition, Chen has created a limited edition of wearable "Book Art Jewelry for Democracy" - circular pendants and fan-shaped earrings. These one-of-a-kind pieces will be available for purchase, with half of all donations benefitting the Visual Artists Guild.

Award-winning Chilean artist Guillermo Bert will feature his ironic Bar Code Series, images burnt on wood, plastic or board surfaces with industrial techniques and layered in gold-leaf or red, white, and blue glossy candy enamel.

For more information, please contact Peggy Chane at 212-554-6447. Visit VAG's Web site at www.visual-artists-guild.org or Facebook Page at [Visual Artists Guild NYC](https://www.facebook.com/VisualArtistsGuildNYC).

Visual Artists Guild is a 501(C)(3) non-profit, all volunteer-based organization that champions the right of freedom of speech and expression. Established in May 1985, it believes that freedom of expression is the lifeblood of all artists. Its mission is to bring to the world's attention whenever such a right is threatened or suppressed.