

Casa Italiana at NYU Hosts the Triangle Fire Memorial Exhibition Collective Ribbon

The Interwoven Voices of the Triangle Fire Memorial

An exhibition presented by

NYU Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò and Remember the Triangle Fire Coalition



Curated by

Richard Joon Yoo and Uri Wegman

Co-designers of the **Triangle Fire Memorial**

On view:

October 9 - March 29, 2024 - Monday to Friday 10am-6pm Casa Italiana NYU, 24 West 12th Street, New York, NY 10011

New York, October 2023 - Casa Italiana Zerilli - Marimò at New York University is proud to host the exhibition "Collective Ribbon" to honor and remember the 146 workers, mainly young



immigrant women of Italian and Jewish descent, who died in the 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist factory fire. The exhibition will stay on view until March 29, 2024 at Casa Italiana NYU (24 West 12th Street).

"Collective Ribbon," co-presented with the Remember the Triangle Fire Coalition, tells the story of the unique participatory process in the design of the Triangle Fire memorial, co-designed by Richard Joon Yoo and Uri Wegman, curators of the exhibition. A community of people from all walks of life came together and sewed a long ribbon made of hundreds of pieces of fabric. Gathered across long rows of sewing tables, the participants created a tapestry of personal fragments, stories and memories of the Triangle Fire.







The texture of this collective ribbon is now etched into the steel of the permanent memorial for the Triangle Fire that will be unveiled on October 11 on the site of the fire near Washington Square, more than a century after the tragedy that inspired campaigns for job reform.

The exhibition offers a glimpse into some of the stories and exchanges that unfolded during the making of the ribbon, and the role of the ribbon as a communal act of commemoration, linking the present to the 1911 Triangle Fire tragedy.





On view also an original sewing machine (Singer) that survived the fire, loaned by the New York State Museum.

The <u>Triangle Fire Memorial</u> was commissioned by the <u>Remember the Triangle Fire Coalition</u> and designed by <u>Uri Wegman</u> and <u>Richard Joon Yoo</u>.

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