

Why should you support Manifest?

- The organization brings the committed passion and expertise of the original founding students and professors from area colleges, as well as ongoing student volunteers and an all part-time staff, to bear on the huge task of reaching out to the world and a global base of participants in order to bring exceptional and diverse works of art by artists of all kinds to Cincinnati and East Walnut Hills.
- Manifest is highly unique, from its vision and base of expertise and philosophy about arts presentation and education, to its multi-faceted approach to visual arts programming. As such, despite its size (or perhaps because of it) Manifest is a Cincinnati treasure.
- Manifest Press has gained critical attention and kudos for its series of high-end art books documenting and presenting works of drawing in various forms. Manifest exhibited these books in New York City in early 2011 in a booth adjacent to the booths of Harvard University Press and the Art Students League of New York at the annual College Arts Association conference. We received a silver medal award for the International Drawing Annual 5 from the Independent Publishers Book Awards.
- Manifest is among few galleries which, while exhibiting works by professional mid-career artists, also emphasize involvement by students and emerging artists, both through student-dedicated projects and by intermingling artists of all levels in group shows.
- Since its opening, Manifest has in all likelihood presented works by far more living contemporary artists from more states in the U.S. and more countries around the world than any other regional visual arts organization, gallery, or museum.
- In a world where arts funding is among the first to be cut, we hold the line, knowing that **without creativity our society cannot be whole**. We maintain that, in this world, *everyone* is at a disadvantage when it comes to having regular free access to the spirit of humanity in the form of visual art being made today, by real artists living real lives around the world and taking far more professional risks than most.
- Despite our continuing success and strong reputation, essential funding from sources such as the City of Cincinnati and the Ohio Arts Council have been reduced or cut altogether. Our budget took a nearly 7% shock when the City ceased offering small arts organization funding. **Key support for Manifest comes from people like you: our members.**