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Christina Zwart: Strength in Unity

August 28 – September 29, 2019

Opening & First Friday Reception

September 6, 6 – 9pm

Gallery Hours

Wednesday – Saturday, 12 – 6pm

Boston, MA – The Boston Sculptors Gallery presents *Christina Zwart: Strength in Unity*, on view August 28 through September 29, 2019. Exhausted by our nation's political noise, Zwart unveils a sculpture that represents what's possible when people stop shouting and start listening. *Strength in Unity* is her third solo exhibition at Boston Sculptors.

At the center of Zwart's show is a five-foot-high bundle of sticks painted blue and red, representing the colors of the Democratic and Republican parties. Surrounding the piece are broken blue and red sticks scattered on the gallery floor.

Zwart drew inspiration for her work from Aesop's fable "The Bundle of Sticks." In the tale, an old man challenges his quarreling sons to take turns trying to break a collection of sticks bound together with twine. After each fails, the father presents each son with a single stick, which they break easily, demonstrating an important moral: As sticks are stronger when bundled together, and weaker on their own, so are we.

"How is it that a storyteller wrote this fable more than 2,600 years ago, and we *still* haven't learned this simple lesson?" asks Zwart. "If we truly want to move forward, we have to turn down the volume of our country's belligerent discourse. In the words of Gloria Steinem, one of the simplest paths to deep change is for the less powerful to speak as much as they listen, and for the more powerful to listen as much as they speak."

Zwart's *Strength in Unity* runs concurrently with Christopher Abrams' *Lie of the Land*. All events are free and open to the public.

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