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The Virginia Shop Partners with Studio Two Three to Offer Artisan Products at the Library of Virginia

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(Richmond, Virginia) – The Library of Virginia is pleased to announce a new partnership between the Virginia Shop and Studio Two Three to make a selection of the arts organization’s unique products available at the shop’s Library of Virginia location. Items will include Studio Two Three screen prints, clothing, and household items in exclusive colors, styles, and designs created just for the Library. In addition, Studio Two Three will work with the Library’s staff to create special items that reflect Virginia’s amazing history in interpretations of pieces within Library’s vast collection of over 129 million items.

The Virginia Shop operates under the umbrella of the Library of Virginia Foundation, with retail spaces within the Library and the Virginia State Capitol that offer books, gifts, souvenirs, and other items related to Virginia’s history and culture.

The Studio Two Three outpost will launch on February 14, 2020.

“At Studio Two Three, we believe in the critical role that public spaces for culture and arts play in the health of our society,” said executive director Ashley Hawkins. “So, we are truly delighted to share the work of talented Virginia artists with thousands of visitors through our partnership with the Library of Virginia Foundation. Our Studio Two Three outpost at the Virginia Shop will share the stories of Virginia and Virginians through the power of art—the democratic and storied medium of printmaking, in particular.”

“We are thrilled to offer Studio Two Three’s wonderful and unique products in the Virginia Shop,” said Scott Dodson, executive director of the Library of Virginia Foundation. “We see this is as a first and important step in offering more of Virginia’s amazing artists and artisans an outlet for their work. Partnering with Studio Two Three is such an obvious first step as their work can reflect the mission and vision of the Library and showcase our collections and exhibitions in new and exciting ways.”

If you are a Virginia artisan who makes products that reflect the unique history and people of the commonwealth and are interested in placing your products in the Virginia Shop, reach out at thevirginiashop.org/contact_us.aspx.

Founded in 2009, Studio Two Three (S23) is an anchor arts organization based in Richmond, Virginia. S23 features artist studios, classes and workshops, artist residency, and open doors. S23 provides 24/7 access to printing presses, darkroom, digital lab, communal workplace, and individual studios to support art making for personal and social change. Studio Two Three’s mission is to empower artists to make art and make change. We envision a world where the power of the arts is willingly and joyfully harnessed for personal, social, and systemic growth.

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Founded in 1984 to advocate for and provide public and private support for the Library of Virginia and its mission, the Library of Virginia Foundation is dedicated to promoting cultural and historical literacy throughout the commonwealth. A private 501(c)(3) organization, it receives grants, bequests, and donations from individuals, corporations, foundations, and other organizations in support of the Library.

The Library of Virginia is the state's oldest institution dedicated to the preservation of Virginia's history and culture. Its resources, exhibitions, and events attract more than 100,000 visitors each year. Its collections, containing more than 129 million items, document and illustrate the lives of both famous Virginians and ordinary citizens.

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