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Chief Judge Margo K. Brodie is pleased to announce the opening of *Shelter*, a curated exhibition of artworks by **14 Sculptors Inc.** at the Charles P. Sifton Gallery in the Brooklyn Federal Courthouse at 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, 11201 on May 15, 2025.

As Siena Gillann Porta, President of **14 Sculptors Inc.**, described it: “*Shelter* is a curated exhibition of art works that collectively explores the notion of “shelter” as imagined or experienced by individual artists. While ‘shelter’ is often thought of as a literal place of safety and refuge, as in shelter for the homeless, the shortcoming of a society that has generated such ‘refuges,’ suggest the darker side of what ‘shelter’ might mean. ‘Shelter’ in emotional and metaphorical context can represent a safe space, reflecting our need to stability, comfort and belonging. The symbolic role of ‘shelter’ as a haven for well-being and personal growth is essential for the transformation, offering renewal and support during difficult times. How artists deal with such present-day ambiguities is explored in this curated exhibit.”

Exhibiting Artists are:

Noel Caban, Allan Cyprys, Esther A. Grillo, Bernice Sokol Kramer, Stephanie Liu, Siena Gillann Porta, Carl Rattner, Herb Rosenberg, Jordan Segal and Chuck von Schmidt.

**14 Sculptors Inc.** is a collective of professional artists who actively exhibit as a non-profit organization which operates under the umbrella of The New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA). In 1973, in the SOHO district of New York, **14 Sculptors Gallery** first opened its doors to the public, creating a forum for experimental sculpture free from the constraints of a commercial viewpoint. **14 Sculptors Inc.** maintains an active website: [www.14sculptors.org](http://www.14sculptors.org).

Selected exhibitions include:

The Hammond Museum; Sculpture for Leonia Rockaway National Park and Highbridge Park, Manhattan (Art in the Parks Program via competitive proposals); Saint Thomas Aquinas College; The Akin Museum; Manhattanville College; Governors Island, NY; Xavier University, New Orleans, LA; New Jersey City University; Adelphi University; Flushing Meadows Corona Park; The Matthews Mansion Museum & Park, Norwalk, CT; and Salem Art Park.

The exhibition opens on May 15, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. at the Charles P. Sifton Gallery, Brooklyn Federal Courthouse, 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, 11201.

*The Gallery is dedicated to United States District Judge Charles P. Sifton in recognition of his commitment to the public's free access to the arts and in memory of the many excellent art exhibits and performances the Judge arranged for the Court family. Since its dedication in 2010, curators have included Judge Sifton, Judge Raymond J. Dearie, and current curator Judge Robert M. Levy. The exhibit space is located on the first floor. It is open to the public on weekdays from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.*

*For a list of past gallery exhibitions, visit: <https://www.nyed.uscourts.gov/charles-p-sifton-gallery>*

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