

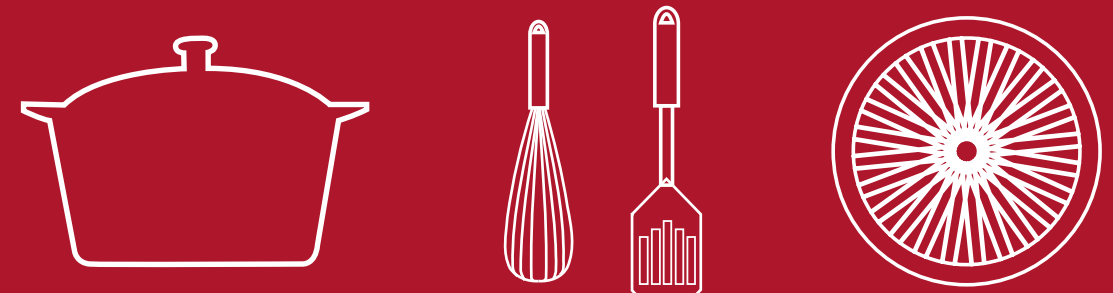
Collective Action Studio

War Gastronomy: Recipes of Relocation

Personal stories, mixed media, hot food

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*"Come to me, those who are famished,
and I will give you sustenance"*



The Collective Action Studio (CAS) is a community arts organization who creatively perform their philosophy that art is "a form of community building and nonviolent civil action." Co-founded by Justin Hoover and Chris Treggiari, CAS produce artwork, curate exhibitions, and develop educational projects that advance their goals to spread social justice and bring diverse people together through participatory activity.

In Cincinnati they will orchestrate the latest iteration of **War Gastronomy**, a mobile storytelling archive that has been previously disguised as a humble food cart. The primary currency in this exchange is a personal story of relocation. This can be cultural, geographical, emotional, and/or psychological, and entail overcoming personal or familial challenges. And, the story must be told in the form of a culinary recipe. In so doing, an interventionist collection of oral histories becomes a collective platform to see, hear, taste and smell a global menu of cultures in flux.

For this project, CAS will work alongside an industrious group of refugee women from around the world who work as part of a group called "The Welcome Project" – translating the skills and experiences of their constituents into entrepreneurial start-ups. Through interviews, CAS learned about the participants' former family homes in their original countries and painted important doorways as described to them from memory. More can be learned about each of these project participants at the long table.

This project is co-presented by the Contemporary Arts Center and Wave Pool Contemporary Art Fulfillment Center, and will be on display from September 5 -22, 2018.

Feeling hungry?

Please head over to the café and order a dish off the special War Gastronomy menu. You will receive a tasty dish and its accompanying story.

Make yourself at home. Sit down and add your own story of personal relocation and overcoming challenge or conflict. What was your biggest challenge? What were you eating during this time? Can these be symbolically linked? Add your story to the archive on display here and we may choose your story to cook and share next time.