

Mission Statement

Camilla Cook's mission is to support and promote artists' growth by serving as a resource and advocate and to provide strategies that empower artists to advance their professional careers.

Testimonials

"What a stimulating, enlightening experience to attend 'Downsized Artists Panel.' As a result of your preparation and study, the artists' remarks were thoughtful and relevant. You were a gracious moderator: warm, inclusive and drew out the speakers to discuss more complex, personal issues. Please keep me posted on your future presentations - I'll follow you anywhere!"

- Donna C., audience member, Bruce Museum's Downsized Artists Panel

"I can only thank you from the bottom of my heart for the excellent work you have presented. You make what I do so much easier (more accessible), in my pursuit to share my art. Thank you!! I cannot believe the quality you put forward in the statement. It blew me away, and I do not know how I could ask for anything better. I feel so lucky that I found you to help me, especially as you have so many talents and skills to give fluency to the areas where I stutter."-Derek Szteliga, artist. Philadelphia, PA

"As an emerging artist I hired Camilla for her consulting services and was blown away by her commitment and focus. She not only helped me position myself in the world of fine arts, but insisted I draw up a game plan so that I could make the best use of our time together once I left our meeting. She has also followed up with me since our meeting and has continued to offer friendly guidance."

-Petra Szilagyi, artist, New Haven, CT

"I finally had a chance to read the curators statement that was hanging in the hallway and was so impressed. Wow, so fascinating to see the show [Wilson Avenue Loft Artists Explorations exhibition] through your eyes and make the connections you saw between our work as individual artists. It was our best show yet ... Thank you!"

-Lori Glavin, artist. Darien, CT

"Thank you, Camilla! You bring clarity and perspective to my projects! I wanted to forward you this link to an article that includes my upcoming solo exhibition. It begins with a description of my show and includes all the information we worked on together, almost verbatim. Clearly, the journalist went on my website and lifted all the info for the article. It is a testament to the professional assistance you gave me writing my bio, statement and CV. My website is working beautifully and positioning me right where I want to be for the launch of my solo exhibition. Many, many thanks."-Jocelyn Braxton-Armstrong, artist. Westport, CT

"You did a fabulous job today [as juror of The Mamaroneck Artists' Guild Small Works Exhibition]. You have such a terrific eye! It is such fun to work with you; the time just flew by. You have given us a wonderful show.

Thank you!"-Myra Hafetz, artist. Larchmont, NY

"I appreciate how helpful it is to have your services as a resource. Thank you for making the new website a reality. You have an ease and

clarity about you that made the process enjoyable. It takes patience to help someone navigate the computer. You've shown me things that have completely flummoxed me previously! Thanks!"

-Betsy B. Davidson, artist. Redding, CT

"I stopped by to see "The Art of Inspiration" yesterday. The works are very exciting! You selected the perfect artists for the concept and venue...and the space looked amazing!"

-Mary Manning, artist. Darien, CT

"You must be quite pleased with the experience of your exhibit, Fresh Pics, as you worked incredibly hard to put together an outstanding exhibition! Being involved gave me great insight into your capabilities as a curator and interlocuter with your exhibiting artists, a person who has great follow through and covers all aspects of presenting a well-chosen show, from getting significant publicity to having the panel presentation. Big kudos to you!"

-Ernest Garthwaite, artist. Old Greenwich, CT

"FRESH PICS is one of the most interesting and comprehensive shows I've seen that demonstrates the wide range and high level of artistry in the area. Well done!"

-Cate Leach, artist. Darien, CT

"No surprise the FRESH PICS opening reception was gargantuan. Cars parked from there to Branchville! Words are barely enough to thank you for the immense energy and commitment you extended to the Guild and your artists. I'm pleased my modest participation is in an extremely interesting exhibition."

-Paul Harvey, artist. Westport, CT

"The FRESH PICS exhibition looks fantastic, and you did a fabulous job in every aspect: hanging, invitations, press, catalog. I am so proud of you and thrilled that you are following your dreams! Thank you again for everything."

-Nancy McTague-Stock, artist. Wilton, CT

"Thanks for your help and input, Camilla. The signs were a big success and helped to make the exhibition look its professional best. At twice the price you'd be a bargain."

- Alanna Fagan, artist. Milford, CT

"You not only bring an insider's view, you bring a very special personality and dedication to all that you do."

-Tina Blackburn, artist. Santa Fe, NM

"Thanks for all you are doing to help me climb! I value the energy, kindness and professional touch you bring to our collaboration."

-Jennifer Contini Enderby, artist. New York, NY

"Camilla is patient, generous, smart and very dear! We met two years ago to talk about a website. During that time (when I was making my decision) I did my homework and looked at many artist websites. Ultimately I came full circle back to Camilla. She executed the project quickly; my site is

up and it's fabulous! All I have to do now is get my left brain working (but then again she said to call any time.) Bravo!"

-Roxanne Faber Savage, artist. Fairfield, CT

"Camilla designed my show invitation and web E-vite, which were both incredible. I have received positive feedback along with many compliments about both of them. Her support and calming spirit were just what I needed as I was preparing for my show. She gives 200 percent to her work, and who can ask for more than that! I look forward to our next opportunity to work together."

-June Ahrens, artist. New Canaan, CT

"BRAVA Camilla, you are the best! I could not have managed so much without your support, good will and expertise."

-Arle Sklar Weinstein, artist. Hastings-on-Hudson, NY

"I asked Camilla to critique my work. It was a great experience and her comments were very useful. In her nurturing way, she clearly spent time looking at and thinking about my work. Camilla was honest, straightforward, and gave me very interesting points to consider. I feel like she "gets" what I'm trying to do. Now, after seeing the websites she created for others, I would like her to create one for me!"

-Ann Hodgdon-Cyr, artist. Windsor, CT

"Camilla, I marvel at what you've accomplished for me. With what seemed like just a few words and suggestions you made the fine-tuning that transformed not only my web site, but also my outreach ideas and perspective into the effective tools that an artist needs to reach viewers."

-Jane Sutherland, artist. Fairfield, CT

"It has been so great to have my new website. I have received so many compliments, particularly that the artwork is presented beautifully and accessed easily. Thank you so much; I am very grateful for your help. I'd definitely recommend you to other artists."

-Nancy Reinker, artist. Weston, CT

"Thank you for your insightful observations! I enjoyed your recent visit to my studio and will not hesitate to recommend your services and to engage them for myself in the future!"

-Nancy Lasar, artist. Washington, CT

"I recently employed Camilla to rework my existing website, update my bio and resume and write my artist statement. I found her to be professional, reliable and very talented in addressing these projects. Her ability to see my work as cohesive as it has developed through the years and express it clearly impressed me a great deal. When reworking my website (a complicated task) she suggested a new layout that made my different series represented to their best. I recommend her highly and have recommended her highly to other artists."-Derek Uhlman, artist. Norwalk, CT

"My meetings with Camilla have helped me to clarify my goals. Receiving feedback is important for an artist, and Camilla has the knowledge and perspective to do this."-Carey Parks Schwartz, artist. Stamford, CT

"I want to express my thanks for your help in coordinating the artwork pickups for me. When we spoke earlier today, I knew that you had a good sense of what needed to be done and that you would get everything coordinated - just like you have done."-Daniel Fallon, Account Executive at Dun-Rite Specialized Carriers, LLC. Bronx, NY

"Camilla, you did such a great job with my web site. I have been adding new images and changing texts. The fact that I can manage my own site from your clear & patient instruction is such an asset."-Cynthia Atwood, artist. New Marlborough, MA

"PERFECT! I'm thanking my lucky stars I ran into your website. I can't tell you what a relief it is to have your guidance. I waste time wondering if I'm doing 'desk work' effectively! Thanks for your support.
-Ann Mallory, artist. Woodbury, CT

"I asked Camilla to compose my artist statement, bio and resume since I had to focus on creating new work for an upcoming show. The result was excellent! Both my wife and the gallery owners commented that Camilla really captured the essence of my work. Now I'm going to ask her to publicize the exhibition."
-Jim Felice, artist. South Salem, NY

"Camilla you are a magician! You cannot imagine how thrilled and amazed I am with my website. WOW!!!!!!!!!"
-Helen Klisser During, art advisor & curator. Weston, CT

"Camilla's info came across my studio desk at just the right time. I had been considering designing a website but had neither the time or experience to take on the task. She guided me through the process in her competent, easy manner and taught me to be self sufficient in maintaining my site. I find the website a not only a good tool to reach out to galleries but also a very efficient way to keep my work organized. I was just picked up by another gallery and my website was a great introduction to my work."
-Kim Hanna, artist. Redding, CT

"Thank you so much for transforming my resume and biography! What a difference! You are very good at this!"
-Carey Parks Schwartz, artist. Stamford, CT

"A huge thank you for getting my website up and running. You were extremely patient with my requests to push the envelope and the result was just as I wanted!"
-Peggy Weis, artist. Fairfield, CT

"Since I spoke to you, I have sold a painting and a drawing, and have entered some shows. Thank you for your advice and encouragement, which was very useful to me. I'd recommend your service to any artist."
-Barb Vogel, artist. Easton, CT

"Thanks Camilla! That information was extremely useful!"
-Barbara Griffiths, artist. New Canaan, CT

"Today was my first and very positive meeting with Camilla. I arrived with a list of subjects, which was extremely well covered. Camilla is confident and professional with the added ability to point me in all the correct directions. As I [embark upon] her recommendations, I feel satisfied with this process. Camilla and I will continue to work together and I feel confident.

-Peter Kinseley, artist. Westport, CT

"Having worked with Camilla over the past several years, I want to share my pleasure in her exceptional effort, effectiveness and friendly manner in which she undertakes her responsibilities. Her open communication, unfailing energy, follow-through, good nature and patience have provided an encouraging, participatory environment. I write to express my appreciation for Camilla's dedication and very hard work - and for the results that show for her efforts."

-Dave Pressler, artist. Shelton, CT