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Art for a Cause 2021, browngrotta arts and UncommonGood partner to Offer a Chance to Win Important Work by Textile Artist Lia Cook



Lia Cook, *Spatial Ikat III-2*, 1976
Photo by Tom Grotta

WILTON, CT (June 14, 2021) - browngrotta arts is pleased to announce its Art for a Cause 2021 project — a charitable sweepstakes opportunity in partnership with UncommonGood to win a museum-quality work by renowned California textile artist **Lia Cook**, with proceeds to benefit the Breast Cancer Alliance.

The prize includes ***Spatial Ikat III-2***, 1976, (rayon, cotton; woven, 72" x 48") valued at \$35,000, a virtual meeting with the artist, and a monograph *Lia Cook: In the Folds - Works from 1973 - 1997*, donated by browngrotta arts. The winner will also receive a \$7,500 cash prize from UncommonGood. The sweepstake runs through July 31 on uncommongood.io

browngrotta arts, dealers of contemporary fiber art for over 30 years, is partnering with UncommonGood, a platform that provides comprehensive software solutions for nonprofit organizations. "We are thrilled to partner with UncommonGood in this sweepstakes," says Rhonda Brown, co-curator at browngrotta arts. "With the tools that UncommonGood offers nonprofits, groups like the Breast Cancer Alliance can engage more donors and greatly amplify their reach."

[Lia Cook](#) has been an innovator since the outset of her artistic career. In 1973, following graduate school, she received an invitation to the prestigious International Lausanne Tapestry Biennial in Switzerland where she exhibited with fiber art trailblazers Magdalena Abakanowicz and Sheila Hicks. *Spatial Ikat III-2*, 1976 is an important work by Cook from that period.

"Whether you are an established art collector, a novice who wants to start your collection with a major acquisition or you just love the undulating blues of *Spatial Ikat III-2*, this 1976 work is a score," says Tom Grotta, co-curator at browngrotta arts. "From a seminal period of her career, the work combines the masterful technique and sensory viewer experience for which Cook is celebrated."



Detail of *Spatial Ikat III-2* (photo by Tom Grotta)

About Breast Council Alliance

The Breast Council Alliance is a national organization that funds innovative research, breast surgery fellowships, regional education, dignified support and screening for the underserved. For more info visit breastcanceralliance.org

About browngrotta arts

For over 30 years, browngrotta arts has been advancing the field of contemporary fiber arts by curating and exhibiting renowned contemporary artists who celebrate the exploration of fiber art techniques and drive the unique possibilities of soft materials. Representing many of the artists who have helped define modern fiber art since the 1950s, browngrotta arts reflects the cultivated eye of its directors, husband-and-wife team, Tom Grotta and Rhonda Brown. browngrotta arts has published 50 art catalogs and placed works in private and corporate collections in the US and abroad, including the permanent collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of Arts and Design, Art Institute of Chicago, Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian Museum. The gallery regularly works with architects and interior designers.

The gallery periodically hosts "Art in Barn" events, opening its space to the public for 10 days. This year's event, *Adaptation: Art Responds to Change*, which took place in early Spring, has been extended to a virtual exhibition online on [Artsper](https://artsper.com) through August 5th. More information and images of available works can be found at browngrotta.com

For the last few years, browngrotta arts has coordinated Art for a Cause projects to raise awareness and funds to assist nonprofit partners. Previous recipients have included the Connecticut Immigrants and Refugees Institute, Our Woven Community and Ports of Cause. "Our 2021 project offers an opportunity to create new fans for Lia Cook's work and benefit a worthy cause in the process – an ideal combination," says Grotta.

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