



My Youth

Tom Lasley - *I Believe I Can Fly*

November 19 - December 14

Reception: Saturday, November 23, 6-9 pm

Panel Discussion: Saturday, December 7, 4 pm

Curators K Ryan Henisey and Eugene Huffman present a multi-artist showcase with *My Youth*. The exhibition, open to artists who identify as LGBTQIA, focuses on growing up queer. "One of the goals of this show was to amplify Queer artists and expression" says Henisey. Our focus on each person's experience allows us to highlight a variety of stories and voices. And what we found is a beautiful, oftentimes haunted but equally triumphant, expression of each artist's youth."

Paintings, photographs, mixed media assemblage, and more come together in *My Youth*. The collection expands upon Queer themes of hybridity and fragmentation. The result is full of passion, revealing hardships and victories universal to all. When you create art, you are storytelling," Huffman expounded. "It's the same with curating. Having the chance to review a broad body of Queer work is rewarding enough. But in *My Youth*, we've woven a visual tapestry, carrying threads of dissonance throughout."

Participating artists include: Franco Apodaca, Jacob Anderson-Minshall, Gwyneth Bulawsky, Enrique Castrejon, Kayla Cloonan, Aubrey Longley-Cook, Candice Dalsing, Veronica Dimitrov, Floyd Frazier, Mary Margaret Groves, Brian Harwick, Chuck Hohng, Jason Jenn, David Jester, Peter Kalisch, Joe Klaus, Cornelia Kurtew, Tom Lasley, Scott Lewallen, Patrick Mizumoto, Nelson Munares, Andrew Norris, Derek Pentz, Katie Pinkston, David Puck, Claire Pupo, Vojislav Radovanovic, Steven Rahbany, Brandon Rizzuto, Amy Smith, John Waiblinger.

K Ryan Henisey is a member artist and currently serves as president at TAG Gallery. His solo show, installations, is concurrent with *My Youth*. His work has shown in institutions and galleries across the Golden State, at the Museu de la Garrotxa, Spain, and will debut in China for the Guangzhou Art Fair in February 2020.

Eugene Huffman is a Los Angeles-based, out HIV Positive artist. He served as a celebrity artist and art director for the Art Hearts Fashion Gallery for LA Fashion Week. Eugene was one of HIV Plus Magazine's "Most Amazing HIV-Positive People of 2016" and his work often benefits LGBT and HIV/AIDS organizations.