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2018 CALIFORNIA OPEN EXHIBITION

August 8 - 24, 2018
Opening Reception:

Saturday, August 11th, 2018 (5pm-8pm)
Show Juried By Kim Abeles

TAG Gallery is proud to present the 13th iteration of the California Open. The California open is a juried exhibition celebrating contemporary art created by emerging artists. The competition is hosted by TAG Gallery, an artist-owned collective now located at 5458 Wilshire Blvd. in Miracle Mile. TAG features emerging and mid-career artists of Southern California.

The juror for the 2018 California Open is artist and curator, Kim Abeles. Abeles is an artist whose community-based projects explore biography, geography and environment. She has created projects with the California Science Center, air pollution control agencies, health clinics and mental health departments, and natural history museums in California, Colorado and Florida. Abeles received the 2013 Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship, and has received fellowships from J. Paul Getty Trust Fund for the Visual Arts, California Community Foundation and Pollack-Krasner Foundation.

Abeles states: "This exhibition was selected from the 1547 works submitted to the TAG juried show. It represents many talented and inventive artists nation wide. My curatorial choices reflect an eclectic interest in art, and the exhibit expresses a range of impressions including homages to nature and neighborhoods, gentle or forceful portraits, conceptually-based and process-driven work, and urgent political discussions. The work is spirited, sometimes humorous or enigmatic, and in various ways, creates images representing human life in this existential moment. The exhibit includes photography, video, sculpture, painting, drawing, and printmaking." The 2018 California Open Exhibition runs from August 8th – August 24th with the opening reception and awards ceremony on August 11th from 5 – 8 pm.













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ACCEPTED ARTISTS

Alejandro Borges Amy Mack **Andrew Martin** Angelique Benicio Bibi Davidson Blair Cahill Brian Johnson Brian DiNicola **Brooke Sauer** Caroyln Applegate Carson Barnes Chick Curtis Dan Gilkey Daniel Ayat Daniel Fitzpatrick Debra Disman Dennis Carrie Dennis Keeley Emily Halpern

Hanif Janmohamed Hedy Torres J.M. Golden James Sloman Jennifer Pritchard Jenny Balisle John Waiblinger Joseph Fleming JT Burke

Farnaz Shadravan

George Jercich

Haley Hatfield

Karchi Perlmann Karena Massengill Katherine Cooksey Katie Murken

Katie Murker Kellan King Kevin Pride
L. Aviva Diamond
Laurel Thomas
Lauryl Gaumer
Lena Moross
Linda Kunik
Lindsey Warren
Lisa Conrad

Lynette Henderson M Sherwood Brock Marian Crostic

Marie Fox
Marino Nakano
Mark Lowrie
Marta Jaremko
Marta Feinstein
Maureen Arata
Melinda Arredondo
Michael Chesler

Michael Usher

Michael Manente Michael Verbenec Nathalie Gordon Neil Goldstein Nicholas Fedak II Patric Stillman Priscilla Dobler Richard Greene Robin Tripaldi

Sandra Chen Weinstein

Sara Alavikia Sarah Arnold Scott Froschauer Scott Amling Seda Saar

Silvia Wagensberg Sonya McAlister Sophie Halma Stela Mandel Stephanie Sydney Stephen Spiller Steve Seleska Sue Hwang Sung-Jae Lee Susan Melly Syl Arena

Tania Houtzager Terri Lloyd Terry Kelly Tia Magallon Vivienne Varay

William Reynolds-Green

