



POP-UP ADVISORY

ART + ACTIVISM: *Art of the Issues 2020*

SoLA Contemporary, 3718 West Slauson Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90043

On View: January 4 – January 11, 2020

Juried by: SoLA Contemporary's Board and Advisory Council

Selected Artists: Lillian Abel, Phemi Adeniran, Robin Adsit, Robyn Alatorre, Stephen Anderson, Mariona Barkus, Jaime Coffey Bateman, Martin Bustamante, Michele Castagnetti, Michael Chomick, Fred Chuang, Fabio Coruzzi, Liz Covington, John Dinger, Patrick Donovan, Pam Douglas, Lore Eckelberry, Martin Alexander Spratlen Etem, Julie Fishman, Dellis Frank, Steven Fujimoto, Alex Gano, Parris Gray, Diane Hayden, Leah Knecht, John Koller, Nadim Kurani, Gloria Lee, Stephanie Lemus, Lynn Letterman, Jil Love, Gina M., Karena Massengill, Lynne McDaniel, Hubert Neal Jr., Ellen November, Moni Olguin, Tomer Peretz, Ashton S. Phillips, Ann Phong, Rebecca Potts, Eric Michael Rauseo, Jon Reichardt, Kaitlin Ruby, Kuniko Ruch, Margie Rust, Mike Saijo, Iris Schneider, Nicole Schroeder, Karim Shuquem, Elena Mary Siff, Jill Smith, John Sollom, Nancy Spiller, Stephanie Sydney, Jenn Terrell, Elise Vazelakis, Karizma Villafuerte, Silvia Wagensberg, Michael Freitas Wood

Opening Reception and Performance Art Pieces: Saturday, January 4, 2020, 6-9 PM

Closing and Talk: Saturday, January 11, 2020, 2-4 PM

LOS ANGELES, CA (December 10, 2019) – Artists have been making art for years about world issues as a cathartic practice. Hours spent reflecting in the studio eventually lead to important conversations and making sense of an internal awakening and inevitable world entropy. Their resulting creations carry potential to be a powerful agent for desired change. But unless there is an accessible platform for these artists, especially artists directly impacted by the very issues they are creating art about, how will their voices be heard?

SoLA Contemporary is honored to offer this kind of platform for artists of all socio-economic and cultural backgrounds as it kicks off the New Year with a bang presenting, **ART + ACTIVISM:** a group exhibition featuring activist artists who submitted their work in response to the gallery's no-entry-fee open call. As a pop-up exhibition, ART + ACTIVISM will be on view for only one week, January 4 – 11, 2020. All are invited to attend the **opening reception on Saturday, January 4th from 6-9 PM**, where we are thrilled to include a trio of thought-provoking performance art pieces



combining spoken word and dance. ***For a private walkthrough, press only are invited to attend a Press Preview of the exhibit from 5-6 PM.***

The deadline for artist submissions approaches on December 18th, and selected artists will be notified and announced on December 23rd. LA activist supporters of SoLA Contemporary have generously donated their time and talents to bring this event to life, including a special art installation by South LA muralist Patrick Henry Johnson; spoken word by writer, professor, and TED Resident Dr. Maytha Alhassen; dance by curator and movement artist Brianna Mims; neon sculptural performance by Latinx artist Ginger Q; spoken word by Santa Monica College student and neighbor to the gallery Zion Payne; and branding/design by artist Phil America.

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About SoLA Contemporary

SoLA (South LA) Contemporary is an artist-run, nonprofit organization located in the Crenshaw district of Los Angeles supporting advanced explorations in contemporary art by displaying creative perspectives on our diverse culture. SoLA thrives on expanding art knowledge to its local community with an Art Education Outreach program designed to foster creative thinking through several programming initiatives and community engagement, including local portfolio reviews, free artist-led workshops, lessons in art-making for South LA homeless individuals in transition, and an innovative artist critique membership program. SoLA is also devoted to community building on a global level, offering bi-annual, month-long residencies and exhibitions for international artists.

Location: 3718 West Slauson Avenue, Los Angeles, CA, 90043. solacontemporary.org

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