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886 Geary Gallery presents:

Concrete Alphabets



Group Exhibition

886 Geary Gallery is pleased to present "**Concrete Alphabets**", a Group exhibition in our Main Gallery at 886 Geary Gallery. The opening reception will be Saturday, May 16th, from 7-11 pm, the exhibition is free and open to the public for viewing through Jun 1st, 2015.

About the Show “Concrete Alphabets”

“Every victory of the young has been a victory over words. Every victory over words has been a fresh, young victory..”

Isidore Isou

Concrete Alphabets is a group exhibition that brings together 6 contemporary artists working in the medium of analog painting, all of whom concentrate on the material qualities of letter-based work from gestural, abstract, calligraphic, hieroglyphic, and more. The artists each create and reference personal narratives from their roots as graffiti artists, but also draw inspiration from historical letter based art forms. This fusion of historical and geographical art forms such as New York Graffiti, European Graffiti, West Coast Cholo Style Writing, Calligraphy, Visual/Concrete Poetry, Script and more has lead to a new emerging hybrid art form. Contrary to contemporary postmodern artists utilizing Letterform in art for mostly conceptual purposes, or Concrete Poetry that involves a form of Visual Poetry, **Concrete Alphabets** acts as hybrid where each artist defines his own work based upon unique personal narratives involving aspects of Letterform/Alphabets

An important aspect of this shared perspective is how each artist has maintained and utilizes analog painting as a medium, thus allowing them to keep their own signature mark making prevalent in the artwork. This hand painted nature of their work is a key component when deciphering their underlying history as an artist and also provides deeper insight into their artwork. Repetition through countless hours are inherent within each stroke of the brush, history, energy, expression, rhythm, gesture, are just some of what you witness in each individuals hand style. Because of differing backgrounds, formal education, geographic, cultural, differences a range of conceptual elements and aesthetics is established in this exhibition. **Concrete Alphabets** is an introduction to an emerging group of painters who bridge today’s generation with past generations of letter-based artists. Artwork ranging from purely abstract, deconstructed letterform, hieroglyphic, to polished handwritten script, we attempt to represent with this exhibition a spectrum that establishes a deeper perspective of language/alphabets then just a word or concept.

Artists exhibiting Defer (Los Angeles), Faust (New York), Niels Shoe Meulman (Amsterdam), Rostarr (New York), Stohead (Germany), Zepha-Vincent Abadie Hafez (France).

About The Gallery

886 Geary Gallery is a urban and contemporary art hub based in San Francisco. Combined with sister space White Walls Gallery and 4 project spaces, our state of the art 5,000 square foot space is one of the largest galleries on the west coast.

Poesia, main curator of **886 Geary Gallery**, has worked as an artist for over 2 decades in the San Francisco Bay Area and over the past 5 years curated multiple exhibitions internationally. Having started the internationally recognized website Graffuturism.com as well as Graffuturism Movement in 2010, he has now focused his attention to curating and bringing emerging artists to San Francisco.

886 Geary is the curator's newest project and venture into the commercial gallery space. Poesia will continue to bring artists from around the world to San Francisco and establish 886 Geary Gallery as the premiere destination of urban and contemporary art in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Media Opportunities

Interview with the artist

High-resolution images available upon request

Event Information

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