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Representing: Selected Works from Alumni and Faculty of The New York Academy of Art at Artisan Lofts

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Artists' reception: Tuesday, February 5th, 6 to 8 pm.

The New York Academy of Art (NYAA) is a unicorn amongst art schools. Located at 111 Franklin Street, the Academy was founded in the 1980s by a devoted group of artists and patrons, including Andy Warhol, to promote and preserve skills training in drawing, painting, and sculpture. Taking the best of both worlds, it combines this rigorous teaching of foundational and professional skills in figurative art with critical thinking for the development of a strong concept-focused framework.

A pressure cooker of creativity, the Academy produces a level of artistic excellence that can't be beat. The Academy's teachers, and even the Provost, Peter Drake, are professional, practicing artists that bring a real-world view to the curriculum. Rick Davidman, who long-time TriBeCa residents remember as the owner of DFN Gallery, and Kim Power, art writer, painter and graduate of NYAA (2014), have combined curatorial forces with the assistance of art dealer and advisor Elizabeth Garvey, to provide a sample of just some of the amazing artists that are connected to this prestigious institution. Art works by this selection of 31 artists, both alumni and faculty of the Academy, include a wide range of methodologies: paintings in abstraction, figuration, flora and fauna, and even some sculptural textile pieces. Some are playful and funny, some are mysterious, and some take you to a land of time forgotten and places beyond your imagination. We hope that you enjoy this collection of talent from TriBeCa's New York Academy of Art and promise there will be more to come!

Participating Artists:

Trey Abdella	Catherine Howe	Kim Power
Jean-Pierre Arboleda	Caitlin Hurd	Jennifer Present
Jaelyn Brown	John Jacobsmeyer	Nicolas Sanchez
Dina Brodsky	Shiva Jlayer	Wade Schuman
Kiki Carrillo	Lisa Lebofsky	Emma Tapley
Michelle Doll	Dik Liu	Kerry Thompson
Peter Drake	Isaac Mann	Melanie Vote
Heidi Elbers	Hilary Robin McCarthy	John Wellington
Kristy Gordon	Alyssa Monks	Annie Wildey
Alonsa Guevara	Esteban Ocampo	
Patty Horing	Rob Plater	

Rick Davidman opened DFN Gallery in SoHo in 1996 and moved it to Franklin Street in Tribeca in 2001. DFN represented and exhibited some of today's best artists, including many who either received their MFAs or teach at The New York Academy of Art. Davidman, who is also a financial advisor working with the creative community, closed DFN in 2011, but continues to curate public and private exhibitions on a regular basis.

Kim Power has exhibited in solo and group shows throughout the U.S., France and The Netherlands. Power has written for The Brooklyn Rail, ARTPULSE magazine, Art Aesthetics magazine, ArteFuse and the Quantum Art Review. In May 2018, she co-curated *Natural Proclivities* for the Shirley Fiterman Art Center of the Borough of Manhattan Community College (NYC, NY). Power's plein air paintings will be exhibited in 2019 with Abend Gallery (Denver, CO) along with other participating artist in the Artists Off Grid residency program.

Elizabeth K. Garvey is the Co-founder and Director of Garvey|Simon (est. in 2010) - a boutique gallery and art advisory firm. Previously, she was President and Owner of EKG Art Advisory, (1999-2009), and Co-Director of Schmidt-Bingham Gallery (1989-1998). Liz is a member of ArtTable, a distinguished national network of leading women in the visual arts professions, and a founding member of the New York chapter of the Association of Women Art Dealers.

Location: Artisan Lofts, 143 Reade St., New York, NY 10013

The exhibition will be open to the public during the Artists' reception Tuesday, February 5th, 6 to 8 pm. All appointments for viewing the exhibition, following the opening, can be made by contacting Elizabeth Garvey at liz@garveysimon.com or 917-796-2146.

In gratitude to the following galleries: Anna Zorina Gallery, Bernarducci Gallery, Forum Gallery, Kathryn Markel Fine Arts, Lyons Wier Gallery and Winston Wächter Fine Art.

Photo Credits: (top row, left to right) Dina Brodsky *Quetzal*, Peter Drake *Lasso*, Shiva Jlayer *My inner child* (bottom row, left to right), Jean-Pierre Arboleda *Palabras de Paz*, Catherine Howe *Silvered Painting (Luminous Opera No. 4)*, Jaelyn Brown *Love you, love you not*.

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