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MyArtspace announces winning artists for The MyArtspace Aqua Art Miami Beach Competition

MyArtspace.com has announced the winning artists of the MyArtspace Aqua Art Miami Beach Competition. The top 3 winners will have their work on exhibition at Aqua Art Miami Fair during the week of Art Basel Miami Beach from December 3-6, 2009.

Palo Alto, CA and Miami Beach, FL (PRWEB) November 27, 2009 – MYARTSPACE.com, the premier online social network for the contemporary art world is pleased to announce the winning artists for the Miami 2009 Art Competition. The winners will be exhibited at the Aqua Art Miami Fair during the week of Art Basel Miami from December 3-6, 2009.

After careful deliberation, the jury panel selected 3 top-winners and 50 finalists. The three winners were Kristi Malakoff, Justin Beckman and Mandy Greer. The five-person jury panel consisted of Alma Ruiz, Associate Curator at MOCA – The Museum of Contemporary Art Los Angeles, Michele Urton, Assistant Curator of Contemporary Art, LACMA – Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Andrea Cashman, Director of the Deitch Projects, Kathy Grayson, Director of the Deitch Projects and Catherine McCormack-Skiba, CEO and founder of MyArtspace.

Catherine McCormack-Skiba, the founder of MyArtspace and CEO noted “This is our second year in Miami representing the best of our community. The competition really brought out some incredible work from all corners of the world. The breadth, depth and variety of work is unparalleled. We have an exciting mix of work to show at our show kicking off the same week as Art Basel Miami at the Aqua Art Miami Fair. We strive to provide great opportunities for artists to have their work recognized by leading curators and the art public. We continue to see a global audience of artists and art appreciators in our community. We hope to see and active and interesting art collectors down at the Aqua Art Miami Beach Fair.”

The Miami 2009 Exhibition will take place at the Aqua Art Miami Fair at the same time as Art Basel Miami Beach, December 3-6, 2009

Three Top Winners

The three top winners were Kristi Malakoff, Justin Beckman and Mandy Greer. Their work can be viewed at <http://www.myartspace.com/miamibasel/winners>.

Kristi Malakoff is a Canadian visual artist who has returned to Canada after time spent living abroad, most recently in Berlin, Germany and previously in Reykjavik, Iceland and London, England where she attended the Chelsea College of Art and Design. She has been selected to do a residency at Proekt Fabrika in Moscow, Russia in the spring of 2010. Malakoff is a 2005 BFA graduate of the Emily Carr Institute in Vancouver, Canada where she was the recipient of many awards and scholarships, among them the Alvin Balkind Memorial Scholarship, the Helen Pitt Award and the Governor General's silver medal for the top Emily Carr Institute graduating student of 2005. Since graduating, she has participated in artist residency programs at the Banff Centre, the Stride Gallery, Calgary, and SIM,

Reykjavik, Iceland. She has exhibited in an exhaustive schedule in both group and solo shows throughout Canada and in England, the US, Germany and Mexico.

Justin Beckman received a BFA from Art Center College of design in 1998 and an MFA in sculpture from Central Washington University in 2008. Since December 2001, Beckman has been living and working in the unincorporated town of Thorp, Washington, and is a founding member of PUNCH Gallery in the Pioneer Square area of Seattle. Beckman has exhibited work both locally and nationally including Art Share in Los Angeles, CA; The Museum of Art in Ft. Lauderdale, FL; G.A.S.P. in Boston, MA; Tacoma Art Museum's 8th Northwest Biennial and most recently at the Sguardi Sonori traveling festival of media and time based art in Italy, and Grounds for Sculpture in New Jersey.

Mandy Greer is a sculptor & mixed-media installation artist with an MFA in ceramics from the University of Washington (99'), where she held a Jacob K. Javitz National Graduate Fellowship. Mandy received a BFA in ceramics and a BA in English from the University of Georgia (96') and went Phi Beta Kappa. In Washington, she has shown her work at The Bellevue Art Museum, The Tacoma Art Museum, The Kirkland Arts Center; and in Seattle at The Henry Gallery, 4Culture Gallery, Soil Gallery, Consolidated Works and Priceless Works Gallery. She has also shown at the Tampa Museum of Art, FI and Bucheon Gallery in SF. Her work is included in the books The Best of New Ceramic Art (1997), Fashion is Art (2003), as well as Soil Gallery, 10 Years (2005). Mandy's work is featured in the video.

Distinguished Finalists

Fifty finalists were selected by the jury panel. All 50 finalists will have their work digitally represented at the Aqua Art Miami. The Distinguished Finalists were:

Robmat Butler	Pau Guerrero-Prado	Viviane Vives	Stylios Schicho	Philipp Engelhorn
Steven Bogart	Teresa Henriques	Rania Matar	Vanina Feldsztein	Eric White
Katie Koti	Lucio Carvalho	Phillip Stearns	Fiona Yaron-Field	Qi Peng
	Kate Farrington		Reet Das	

Finalists

The remaining thirty finalists are listed below:

Carolyn Halliday	Marc D'Agusto	Adam Niklewicz	David George	Farideh Sakhaeifar
William Gatz	Paul Lorenz	Amy Hill	Stephanie Liner	Judy Csotsits
Tyler Bohm	Jane Fulton Alt	Monika Sziladi	Heidi Schwegler	Benjamin Wright
Benjamin Eric	Crystal Schenk	Penelope Kirk	Michael Maier	Vadla Manja
Charlotte Potter	Min Lee	David Kidd	Nicholas Kuwik	Sebastian P Catena
Wendy P Jakobsen	Runcie Tatnall	K Stephen Griffith	Rachel Seed	Joanna Jinselli

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