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LA Art Show News

DIVERSEartLA Presents a Growing Curatorial Vision, Inside the Galleries and a Gift from St. Jude

DIVERSEartLA returns with an ambitious agenda for 2023, representing our present day and the looming impact of the planet's warming trend. The program is geared to encourage visitors to confront the complex challenges of our global climate crisis and imagine potential solutions.

We're excited to provide an inside look at upcoming exhibitions from some of the galleries presenting at the upcoming LA Art Show. Read on for highlights from Maria Elena Kravetz Gallery (Argentina), Kapopoulos Fine Arts (Athens, Greece), and BG Gallery (Los Angeles).

And, St. Jude will be gifting a limited-edition special ornament to a small number of ticket holders in December. Find out more below...

DIVERSEartLA Pushes the Agenda of Climate Change to the Art World

The LA Art Show's groundbreaking DIVERSEartLA program returns in 2023, resuming its focus on the global climate crisis through a variety of thought-provoking installations, immersive experiences and performances.

Curated by Marisa Caichiolo, the program, which began in 2015, connects important local and international art institutions, thought leaders and key art world figures to generate dialogue and innovative ideas through art. Caichiolo said, "Humans are changing the Earth's natural systems in rapid and unprecedented ways. Contextualizing the issues through immersive experiences and installations seeks to deepen our understanding and inspire solutions."

The upcoming edition will feature eight participating interdisciplinary projects examining depictions of humanity's place in the world and how the environment is represented in art. Involving the participation of eight local and international museums, nonprofits and art institutions, the program will feature both first-time participants and returning museums such as the Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA), La Neomudéjar Museum and Art Museum of the Americas (AMA).

Il Giardino Planetario

Pietro Ruffo and Elia Pellegrini with creative production studio Noruwei Italian Cultural Institute of Los Angeles

Among first-time participants in DIVERSEartLA, the Italian Cultural Institute of Los Angeles will present a collaboration between Italian artists Pietro Ruffo and Elia Pellegrini along with creative production studio Noruwei. An immersive experience and video installation, Il Giardino Planetario presents an allegory of the planet as a garden.

The biosphere is portrayed as a finite ecological space limited to currently living species, while DNA is used to examine the history of other species that inhabited the Earth before us. Featuring a large-scale drawing by Ruffo, the work presents an analysis of the landscape, highlighting the changing character of what seems "naturally" present. The shifting climate is portrayed as a carpet woven with dark and rough shapes along with alternating light surfaces.



“We are excited to continue facilitating this pioneering program, which showcases the power of art to bring people together and ignite transformative conversations about what it means to be human,” said LA Art Show Producer/Director, Kassandra Voyagis.

Gallery Highlights

We look forward to welcoming a wonderful line-up of exhibitors to the LA Art Show in 2023. Among these are contemporary art galleries Maria Elena Kravetz Gallery from Argentina, Kapopoulos Fine Arts from Athens, Greece, and BG Gallery from Los Angeles.

Maria Elena Kravetz Gallery, Argentina

Maria Elena Kravetz Gallery is a contemporary gallery with “another point of view in art.” Located in Córdoba, Argentina, the gallery represents a broad range of international artists working in a variety of artistic disciplines including sculpture, photography, collage and mixed media. The gallery will present work by Jim Kazanjian, Sergio Valenzuela and Mark Davis at the LA Art Show 2023.

Jack Kazanjian

Jim Kazanjian is a photographer based in Portland, Oregon. Delving through a pool of thousands of images, he pieces together composite digital photos that, while completely distinct from each other, combine to create a bizarre world.



*Jim Kazanjian: Untitled (Gatehouse), Digital photo composite on archival pigment print.
(18 x 18 inch image on 20 x 20 inch paper), Edition of 10, 2021.*

Sergio Valenzuela

Sergio Valenzuela is a graphic designer and fine artist with particular interest in pictorial, sculptural and video art. Valenzuela uses elements such as chairs, ladders, beds, monocycles, trapeze artists, swings and machines as a way of telling stories about life.



Sergio Valenzuela: Series Escenarios Felices, Mixed media on canvas, 19 x 17 inches, 2022.

More at: mariaelenakravetzgallery.com

European Pavilion: Kapopoulos Fine Arts, Athens, Greece

Kapopoulos Fine Arts Gallery is a contemporary gallery located in Athens, Greece. Founded in 2011, the gallery focuses on deconstructing the status quo by re-establishing well known Greek artists and discovering exciting emerging talent with a distinctive voice. The gallery will showcase the work of artists Kosti Georgiou and Woozy at the upcoming LA Art Show.

Kosti Georgiou

Kostis Georgiou is a contemporary Greek painter and sculptor who lives and works in Athens. With a background as a stage designer in theater and television, Georgiou creates

paintings and monumental sculptures which have been installed in public spaces across Europe and Asia.



Kostis Georgiou: "Pegnyon" Bronze Sculpture. 34 X 34 X 12 inches

Woozy

Woozy is the tag of Greek street artist Vaggelis Hoursoglou. His distinctive visual idiom interweaves personal recollections and found imagery with references to art history, street art and primitive culture in compositions that unfold into complex narratives. The artist lives and works in Athens.



Woozy: *City Vibes 2*, 10294, Mixed Media on Canvas, 52 x 51 inches (131.5 x 130 cm)

More at: kapopoulosart.gr

BG Gallery, Los Angeles

Located in the Bergamot Station Art Center of Santa Monica, California, BG Gallery is a contemporary art gallery representing a broad range of artistic disciplines. The gallery's LA Art Show 2023 exhibition will feature work by artists including Barbara Kolo, Isaure de La Presle, Jack Reilly, Robin Walker and Helen Allois.

Robin Walker

Robin Walker uses acrylic paint on paper and canvas combined with elements of collage, charcoal and splashes of rubbing alcohol for texture. His work follows in the expressionist tradition.



Robin Walker: Modern Folk Duo, acrylic, (36 x 48 inches) from the artist's Music series.

Isaure de La Presle

Isaure de la Presle is a Santa Barbara based artist with a practice that is part meditative and part intuitive. The results are paintings and etchings that build on the imprints left by the energy which surrounds us.



Isaure de La Presle: Tapestry, mixed media, (44 x 44 inches)

More at: santamonica.bgartdealings.com

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Purchase Tickets to the LA Art Show Opening Night Premiere for a Chance to Win a Limited-edition Glass Ornament

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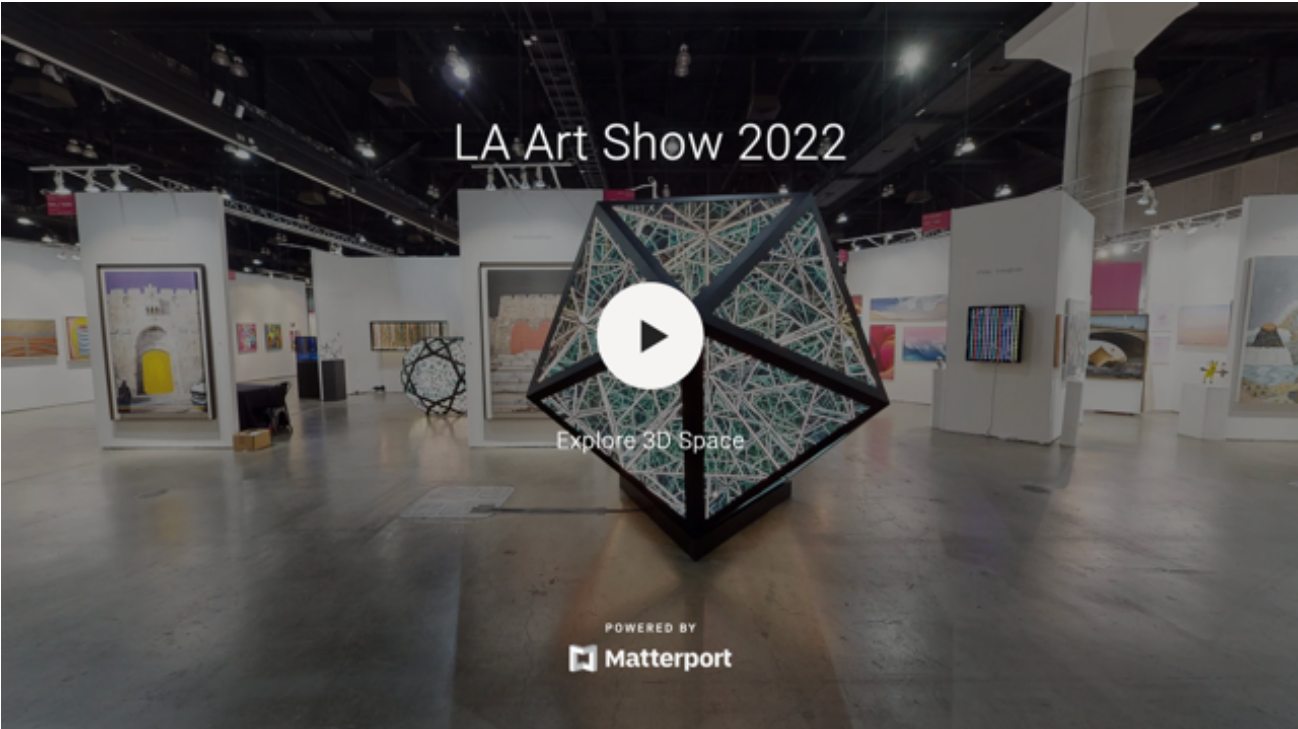
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Around the 2022 LA Art Show in 60 Seconds

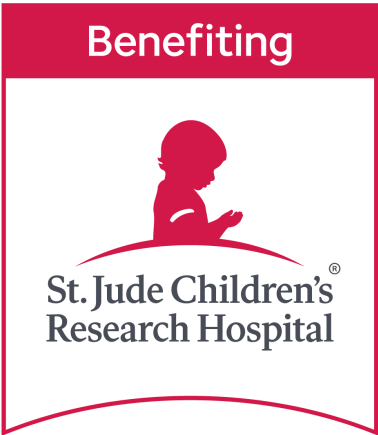


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