

“AMERICAN SURREALIST INITIATIVE”

January – March 2008

An invitational exhibition, which was open to:

1. American artists and/or artists residing in or near America, or with art in America, **ONLY** (solely because of overseas shipping costs and/or customs complexities)

2. Veristic Surrealism **ONLY** *Meaning:*

a. NOT automatism, NOT “abstract surrealism”, NOT figurative or narrative expressionism, NOT surrealist*c* art.

b. ~ Classical Surrealism = (e.g. Magritte, Delvaux, Carrington, Pratchenko)

~ Visionary Surrealism = (e.g. Varo, Blake, Kaltenbach, Grey, Venosa)

~ Social Surrealism = (e.g. Bosch, Irving Norman, Alonso Smith)

c. “Veristic” means realist or true to life, it is an adjective.

3. 100 artists have been selected as of February 2006. No more entries are being sought. Artists sending material from now on will be put on a waiting list in the order received, in the event of an artist cancelling.

4. No fee for entry. No restrictions as to age of artist or object, media, size, weight or subject matter. Artists responsible for 2-way shipping.

5. Artists have been chosen now, final selection of a single object for inclusion by each artist will not take place until mid-late 2007. Not more than 100 works will be in the exhibit; one work per artist.

The “American Surrealist Initiative” began in California during the 1980s for the sole purpose of specifically and exclusively studying non-abstract Surrealism, recognizing traditions in painting, sculpture and architecture which came to worldwide prominence in central Europe during the early 20th century... and which formalist modernist art history has all but ignored or purposefully misinterpreted ever since.

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Invited Artists as of FEBRUARY 2006:

Mariu Suarez, Fort Worth, TX

Vaclav Vaca, Toronto, ON

Irving Norman, Half Moon Bay, CA

James Bursenos, Asheville, NC

Steven Kenny, Washington, VA

Carol Spicuzza, Indianapolis, IN

Philip Rubinov Jacobson, Dallas, TX

Jacqueline Moses, Skokie, IL

Renata Ratajczyk, Toronto, ON

Alex Grey, Brooklyn, NY

Elena Mary Siff, Santa Monica, CA

Daniel Hanequand, Toronto, ON

David Aronson, Philadelphia, PA

Paul Pratchenko, Novato, CA

Hawk Alfredson, New York, NY

Stephen J. Lombardi, Douglas, MA

Lucinda Luvaas, Hemet, CA

Danielle Giudici, Oakland, CA

Kaloust Guedel, Glendale, CA

Mark Reynolds, Mill Valley, CA

Juliette Pelletier, New York, NY

Brad Moore, Carbondale, IL

Annette Coleman, Brighton, CO

Matthew Rose, Boca Raton, FL

Laurie Lipton, Austin, TX

Lyndia Radice, New York, NY

Mark Williams, Wilimantic, CT

France Garrido, Weehawken, NJ

Cecilia Lueza, Miami, FL

Sandra Jackman, New York, NY

Stephanie Henderson, Commerce Township, MI

Peter Illig, Denver, CO

Claudia Olivos, Washington, DC

Sol Kajok, New York, NY

Jun'ichiro Ishida, Jersey City, NJ

Robert S. Beal, Tulsa, OK

Claudia Chapline, Stinson Beach, CA

Ann McCoy, Long Island City, NY

Daniel Martin Diaz, Tucson, AZ

Nad Wolinska, Brooklyn, NY

Kris Kuksi, Hays, KS

Osprey Orielle Lake, Mill Valley, CA

Kenneth Cooper

Gilah Yelin Hirsch, Venice, CA

Madeline von Foerster, New York, NY

Stevon Lucero, Denver, CO

Brigid Marlin, New York, NY

Constantine Gedal, Jersey City, NJ

Alex Shabatinas, Jamaica Hills, NY

John Bonath, Denver, CO

Lee Musgrave, Lyle, WA

Guy Robinson, Decatur, GA

Isabel Samaras, San Francisco, CA

Alexander "Sasha" Spivak, New York, NY

Jerry De La Cruz, Denver, CO

Ben Tolman, Washington, DC

Andrew Gonzalez, San Antonio, TX

Evelyn Cammarano, Rochester, NY

Mark Henson, Upper Lake, CA

Olga Lamm, New York, NY

Steven Peabody, Union City, NJ

Tali Gai, Cambridge, MA
Amy Falstrom, Indianapolis, IN
Sandra Stanton, Farmington, ME
Adam Lewis, Corrales, NM
Ursula Sokolowska, Chicago, IL
Mary E. Carter, Placitas, NM
Robert Pasternak, Winnepeg, MAN
Serena Perrone, Providence, RI
Heidi Hayes, Hendersonville, NC
Irene Vincent, Laguna Niguel, CA
Wade Eldean, Macatawa, MI
Ione Citrin, Los Angeles, CA
Larry Butcher, Midland, MI
Carl Angevine, Clawson, MI
Robert Deyber, Kennesaw, GA
Nicolai Larsen, Redwood City, CA
Jarrod Robbins, Los Angeles, CA
Vincent Castiglia, Brooklyn, NY
H.R. Giger, New York, NY
Robert Venosa, Boulder, CO
Martina Hoffman, Boulder, CO
Kike Mayer, Fresno, CA

Patrick Amarillas, Manson, WA

Ray Caesar, Toronto, ON

Viktor Koen, New York, NY

Olga Spiegel, New York, NY

David Stoupakis

William Otto, Phoenix, AZ

Lauren Raine, Tucson, AZ

Dennis Murphy, Columbia, MO

David Hochbaum, New York, NY

Gabriel Navar, Orcutt, CA

Leandro Manuel Emede, Miami, FL

Jeffrey Paul Lane, Lockport, NY

Steven Frim, Ridgefield, NJ

Shahla Rosa, Orange County, CA

Mary Daniel Hobson, Muir Beach, CA

Aimee Helen Koch, Richmond, VA

Elaine Davis, Jamul, CA

Lukas Kandl, Saint-Germain en Laye, FR (100th)

Waiting List (in the order received after 2.28.06)

In the event of an artist cancelling