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# THE ORIGINAL COASTER SHOW IS BACK! HUNDREDS OF PIECES IN EXHIBIT THAT HIGHLIGHTS DIVERSITY & THE DISABLED

# GALLERY 30 SOUTH – PASADENA, CALIFORNIA EXHIBITION OPEN SEPTEMBER 3 – 24, 2021

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA – AUGUST 15, 2021 – Gallery 30 South, the internationally renown gallery for ground-breaking art from emerging and established contemporary artists and celebrities announces the return of the "The Original Coaster Show." Nine years ago, "The Coaster Show" became world famous for the sheer scope of unique pieces of art by extraordinary artists, many who saw their careers explode from the original show. Combining the quirky, the vibrant and the storytelling aspects of art, Gallery 30 South has set up an exhibit of hundreds of artful coasters displayed in a storyboard fashion along the walls of the influential gallery. Beer coasters (like those you can find at your local bar or restaurant) have been transformed from a disposable, functionary object into a canvas for one-of-a-kind pieces of art.



Sneaker series by Terri Berman



Mid-Century Cosmic series by Michelle Bickford

The show, founded by Gallery 30 South owner Matt Kennedy in 2013, features some of the most exciting, young artists of our time. The annual event gathers up to a thousand unique pieces of artwork by hundreds of individual artists, many who are now making their gallery debut. By placing their work alphabetically and side-by-side with established artists the presentation gives guests the unique perspective that each piece depicts. Guests can spend hours discovering the beauty of each petite piece. The exhibit also gives anyone the opportunity to become an avid art collector given the reasonable pricing on each piece while not compromising taste, integrity or lifestyle.



Screaming Peacocks and Fish series by Lyndell Dean Wolf

"The Original Coaster" show at Gallery 30 South received thousands of submissions every year, but the jury accepted fewer this year than in any prior exhibition, making this the most exclusive collection showcased thus far.

In addition, the annual show includes a significant number of works that highlight diversity as well as exceptional works created by artists with disabilities. From autism to limited mobility, these amazing artists have overcome physical and developmental challenges to create a collection of soulful and inspiring works of art. Subjects include cultural heritage, environmental activism, gender and orientation equality, mental health awareness, and even the occasional political cartoon.

"It's a lot of work to pull together, but this is my favorite show to curate each year," says director Matt Kennedy.

Taken as a whole, the exhibition is a single installation comprised of work by hundreds of individuals in random collaboration. And with entry level pricing, anyone can acquire one piece or full artist sets quite affordably and become a true patron of the arts. The gallery walls are covered with these tiny, extraordinary and invariably unique art pieces, so you can walk the show a hundred times and still see something new each time. At its core, this show is the transformation of a lowbrow concept into an egalitarian ideal, which is that art really is everywhere.

## The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Coaster Show Exhibition

Gallery 30 South, 30 South Wilson Avenue, Pasadena CA 91106

Preview it online from 6PM on Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>: <a href="http://gallery30south.com/coaster-show-2021/">http://gallery30south.com/coaster-show-2021/</a>

Tickets: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/coaster-show-2021-preview-tickets-121439830803

Shopping cart goes live 1 minute past midnight on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Runs through September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Hours: Mon - Fri, Noon - 6:00 p.m. or by Appointment

MEDIA is invited to attend and cover

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L to R: Baub Alred, Elena Øhlander, Wyatt Eddy, Mike Kearny, Ms. MeowtaKittyclaws, Anthony Ausgang

### HERE IS THE LIST OF THIS YEAR"S JURY WINNERS:

Adnohia Brian J Hoffman Pleasant
AIZYAHT Bev Hogue Nate Pottker
Baub Alred Penelope Houston Viviana Puecher
Doug Alvarez Shirley Huang Jesse Quam
Anthony Ausgang Nadira Selen Jauregui Quiralta

Amic Rooza

Amie Baeza Jinx Svetla Radivoeva Skye Becker-Yamakawa Zara Kand Radmegan Terri Berman Karikatura Rebecca Richard Michelle Bickford Yumiko Kayukawa Dixie Rivera Andrea Bogdan Mike Kearney Amy Row Steven Bossler Sean Keeton Frau Sakra Mike Boston Chad Knapik Kira Saks Barbie Brady Kristin Leigh Koefoed Jill Sans Tony Buhagiar Christian Kolle Peter Saporito

Sean Cabrera Hope Kroll Sherry Shay **Dario Calcines** Heathos Kohos Mike Silvestri Erika Chapman Jeannine Smart Jeremy Labib Shino Charlson Lady Beaver S.A. Smith Katherine Chiu Danyelle Lakin Mable Song Jessica Chrysler Adeline Lamarre Space Witch Kandi Spindler Teenah Clemente Jennifer Jean Lee Brookita Corazón Thomas Leigh Josh Stebbins Josh Stein Kellie Cracker Justine Lin Loren Dearborn Nikki Longfish Doug Stern Thad DeVassie **LMisty** Sarah Stone Chelsea Lothringer Jeff Striddle Irene Dogmatic

Monica Drake Machochick David Russell Talbott
Matthew Dutton Ileana Maza Adam Tan

Wyatt Eddy Mark Melchior Renée Jessica Tan
Tawny Featherston Hannah Miethe David J Teter
Sheila Fein Suki MoonPie Nora Thompson

Barbara Field Harry Morris Yuki Toy

Jessica FifeMsMeowtaKittyclawsTwocatsandpossumBarry FitzgeraldHana MulyatiAriella VaystukhFlaviaJessen MurilloGeorge Valdez

Michael Foley Michael Murphy Stefanie Vega
Diana Franco Mia Naranjo Velvastein
Michael Fursa Christina Narayan Vezun

Juliana Gabriel nela2dtla Glenn Waggner Wendy Gadzuk nela2dtla Valerie Walsh Lauren Gardiner Hadley Northrop Jason Wasiak The Obanoth Chris Waterman Alexandra Giongco Mark Gleason Elena Øhlander Dennis Wells Shelley Guertin Daisuke Okamoto Mary Alice White

Lyndell Dean Wolff

Conrad Haberland David Palmer Marley Wright
Thalo Halo Panik Collective Yume
Amelia Haru Dany Paragouteva Alex Yun

Darlene Okita

Annette Hassell Melissa Parra-Morrow

Christina Gusek