

The Art

Lori LaMont

Camp Life in the Woods and Tricks of Trapping, 2015
Watercolor on paper
57 x 250 inches

Horse No. 5, 2015
Watercolor on paper
52 x 72 inches

The Patou, 2015
Watercolor on paper
52 x 72 inches

Kiel Johnson

Equestrian Paintings, 2015
Mixed Media
42 x 60 inches

Hold Fast, Shape Up or Ship Out 2016
Pencil on wood panel

Hold Fast, Drop Stitch 2016
Ink on Panel

Hold Fast, Plans 2016
Pencil on Paper

Hold Fast, 2016
Cardboard, wood, rope, coated wire,
acrylic paint

Hold Fast, 2016
Cardboard, wood, acrylic paint

About the Art Exchange

The Art Exchange Visual Arts Center, or ARTX, is a community art center located in downtown Long Beach. ARTX enriches our Long Beach community through its educational programming, art exhibits showcasing growing artists in the community as well as leading artists throughout the world, and through the ARTX campus which houses our diverse mix of resident artists. The ARTX aspires to add a new dimension to the Long Beach art culture.

The ARTX campus is a series of four circa 1925 buildings that have been fully renovated. The campus includes a stunning 3,000 square foot gallery with soaring open beamed ceilings, a beautiful brick-clad classroom, and four stand alone art studios where artists have space to create new works of art in a retail setting. The ARTX campus allows local artists to work within studio walls in their own community while also providing a space for traveling artists to work and be inspired by our unique Long Beach culture. In addition to showcasing artists, ARTX provides a place to teach the public how art is created and offers educational programs to further enrich the diverse communities of Long Beach. The art campus includes a grand gallery showcasing works that are supported by Long Beach patrons.

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BOLD**
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The Art Exchange is excited to present to Long Beach its second exhibit titled Big, Bold, Beautiful. Curated by Ron Nelson, executive director of Long Beach Museum of Art and Board Director of ARTX, the exhibit features stunning art



Hold Fast, 2016 by Kiel Johnson

from Lori LaMont and Kiel Johnson. The works are impactful and bold leaving the viewer with a sense of awe as they experience the show.

The Art Exchange would like to thank to Lori LaMont and Kiel Johnson for sharing their work with the our community. And thank you to Ron Nelson bringing these artist to the Art Exchange .

About the Artists

Lori LaMont creates thought-provoking artwork that prompts dialogue. She is a self-taught artist who works exclusively in watercolors and defies the traditional boundaries of scale through her paintings' distinctive size and scope. Her large-scale paintings are executed with layers of bold, saturated color and meticulously rendered detail. Her work is decidedly untraditional and exposes ideas that spark introspection and controversy. Her themes question the notion of modern day entertainment in society and push the viewer to look at the reality behind the illusions of glamour and celebrity.

Lori was born in San Pedro, California in 1968. She has worked from her studio in Long Beach, California since 1995.

Kiel Johnson is a Los Angeles based artist, currently running around the west coast, getting involved in any creative project that will have him. With an emphasis on drawing and sculpture, Kiel brings the inanimate to life, giving us a world not unlike ours but entirely his. Collaboration has become a big part of



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his practice as well. Through epic workshops, artist talks & collaborative video projects, Kiel uses simple materials and hand made ingenuity to bring the infectious disease of creativity to anyone willing to engage.



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