

THE OPEN

SEPTEMBER 10 – OCTOBER 25, 2009
DEITCH STUDIOS
4 – 40 44TH DRIVE (AT THE EAST RIVER)
LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11101

“The Open,” an exhibition of works by thirty-one emerging artists in the New York community, will debut at Deitch Studios on the East River in Long Island City on Thursday evening, September 10th.

The artists in “The Open” represent several directions being explored by young artists in New York. One trend is a reinvigorated investigation of abstraction in painting and sculpture. Another is a conceptual approach to figuration, both in painting and sculpture. There is also a new twist on the exuberant fusion of fine art and popular culture.

A number of the artists in the exhibition are recent graduates of New York area art schools, the MFA programs at Hunter, Columbia and Yale. Some were discovered in artist residency programs like the one at the Studio Museum in Harlem. Others have been part of the downtown art community since they were teenagers. Two of the artists were found in the open call for Artstar, the 2006 television series centered around Deitch Projects.

“The Open” has been organized by Dodie Kazanjian, who covers the art world for Vogue, and the directors of Deitch Projects. Artists in the initial selection were asked to recommend other artists for the project. The selection process mirrored the organic way that information circulates in the New York art community.

In the tradition of Deitch Studios, the exhibition program will include a Sunday School, with talks and workshops on topics suggested by the artists in the show. The Sunday School programs will take place every Sunday evening during the run of the exhibition, from 6 – 8 PM.

The artists in the exhibition are:

Sebastian Black
Alison Blickle
Eoin Burke
Scott Campbell
Borden Capalino
Whitney Claflin
Caleb Considine
Christian de Vietri
Abigail DeVille
Peter Demos
Keltie Ferris
Aaron Gilbert
Kathy Grayson

Evan Gruzis
Josephine Halvorson
Midori Harima
Joshua Abram Howard
Krisjanis Kaktins-Gorsline
Adam Krueger
Eva LeWitt
Brendan Lynch
Cassandra MacLeod
Ted Mineo
Alyssa Pheobus
Cassie Raihl
Theo A. Rosenblum

Chelsea Seltzer
Patricia Treib
Antoine Wagner

Didier William
Saya Woolfalk

The show is allied with “Fashion’s Night Out,” a global event that is being produced in New York by the CFDA, Mayor Bloomberg, the City of New York, and Vogue. In an initiative to help struggling retail businesses, more than 300 stores in the five boroughs are staying open until midnight that evening, and hosting on-site performances and appearances by artists, writers, designers and New York personalities.

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