

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MK Contemporary Art Gallery Announces Their Next Exhibition:

BROADSIDES

PAIRING ARTWORKS WITH POETRY
from the Morton Marcus Community of Poets

SANTA CRUZ, CA, OCTOBER, 2023 - MK Contemporary Art Gallery announces their next exhibition, *Broadsides*, an exciting collaboration between the creative forces of nine talented visual artists from the Bay Area and nine poets from the Morton Marcus Community of Poets — poets who have worked behind the scenes to bring you the Morton Marcus Poetry reading year after year). This unique and inspirational exhibition offers an interesting dialogue between visual and literary artists.

Exhibition Details:

- ***Broadsides* will be on view from November 18 through January 13, 2024**
- **Opening & Poetry Reading hosted by Wallace Baine: Saturday, November 18, 2023, 4–6 p.m.**
- **Location: MK Contemporary Art Gallery, 703 Front Street, Santa Cruz**
- **The exhibition will include two First Friday Receptions, December 1st & January 5th**

Broadsides brings together diverse voices from the local poetry scene and pairs their writings with highly accomplished local and regional visual artists. This unique collaboration will offer visitors a chance to explore the profound connections between art and poetry. The exhibition was thoughtfully curated by local talents Donna Mekis and Rose Sellery, with the elegant broadside design crafted by Gary Young, Director of the Cowell Press at UC Santa Cruz. *Broadsides* is made possible through the generous support of The Humanities Institute (THI) and Special Collections & Archives at UC Santa Cruz, Mark Ong and Side By Side Studios, and Santa Cruz based Community Printers.

***Broadsides* will feature an extraordinary line-up of artists and poets ~**

Visual Artists: Tamera Avery, Ric Ambrose, Gale Antokal, Adon Valenziano, Marti Somers, Robin McCloskey, Harry Clewans, Jay Mercado, Rose Sellery. **Poems By:** Farnaz Fatemi, Danusha Laméris, Morton Marcus, Deng Ming-Dao, Maggie Paul, Joseph Stroud, David Sullivan, Jeff Tagami, Gary Young

The art and poetry worlds collide in this unique exhibition which showcases our community's extraordinary creativity. Donna Mekis, co-curator, remarked, "The magic of pairing art and poetry is seeing how the two art forms enrich and complement each other. The visual images provide a new perspective and depth to the words, and create an entirely new experience for the viewer/listener."

Rose Sellery, co-curator, added, "The *Broadsides* exhibition is a testament to the beauty of collaboration. It demonstrates how two distinct art forms can merge to create something greater than the sum of their parts. We invite everyone to come and be inspired by this remarkable fusion of art and poetry."

Please join us for the opening artist's reception and poetry reading on Saturday, November 18, from 4 to 6pm at MK Contemporary Art Gallery, 703 Front Street, Santa Cruz hosted by Santa Cruz treasure Wallace Baine.

About MK Contemporary Art Gallery (formerly Curated by the Sea Gallery):

MK Contemporary Art Gallery has become a prominent hub for contemporary art in downtown Santa Cruz, dedicated to showcasing the work of talented local and regional artists. It serves as a platform for artistic expression and fosters creative connections within the community. 703 Front Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95062.

** High-resolution images of the artwork are available upon request.

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