

LOUISIANA CONTEMPORARY

PRESENTED BY THE HELIS FOUNDATION





/// LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Louisiana Contemporary Presented by The Helis Foundation, is a statewide, juried exhibition organized by the Ogden Museum of Southern Art. Established in 2012, this annual event promotes contemporary art practices in the state of Louisiana, provides exhibition space for the exposition of living artists' work, and engages a contemporary audience that recognizes the vibrant visual culture of Louisiana and the role of New Orleans as a rising international art center.

WILLIAM PITTMAN ANDREWS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OGDEN MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN ART



I am often asked why I tend to agree to be the juror for open call exhibitions. Whenever time allows and the offer comes from an institution I admire, like the Ogden Museum, I will say a hearty "yes." Most former curators-turned-museum-directors like me would rather have a root canal than devote a day to working through an overwhelming amount of submissions of admittedly mixed quality from unfamiliar artists. But I still get a sense of excitement when I open up the first of the digital submissions because whenever I start working through them with open eyes and an open heart, I will find at least a few works of art that will make my world a more interesting and exciting place. When I am invited to attend the exhibition and meet some of the artists, I know that it's inevitably the start of a very long working relationship, and in rare cases, friendships too.

To remain perpetually curious about new visual culture being created in any location in the world means that one is always engaged in an ongoing global dialog. Art today is truly free of centers, and regional scenes vary in the degree to which they can be typified by any particular issue or aesthetic. I anticipated (based on the Louisiana artists I already knew) that I would get a marvelous selection of wild eccentrics with *Louisiana Contemporary*, and several of the chosen artists very well fulfill that description. And yet, the overall list of included works is as diverse as I can imagine.

I always hesitate to say these are the best artists, even from the limited pool of submissions. Words like "best" and "worst" are an anathema, in that those value judgments tend to close down dialog and turn exhibitions into reality TV shows. In my cultural life, no one is voted off permanently. These chosen artists were moving and I wanted to see them again, and while that is a modest claim, it is the greatest tribute I can give them as an impassioned art viewer.

BILL ARNING DIRECTOR, CONTEMPORARY ARTS MUSEUM HOUSTON

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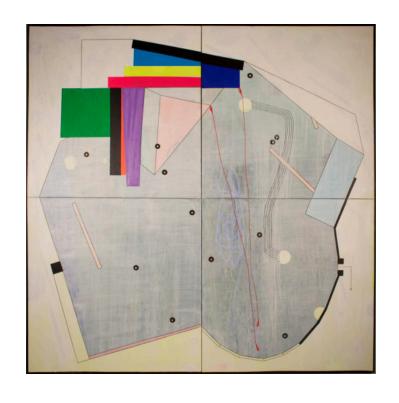


/// EATING CHICKEN (MILD), 2015, HD VIDEO, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

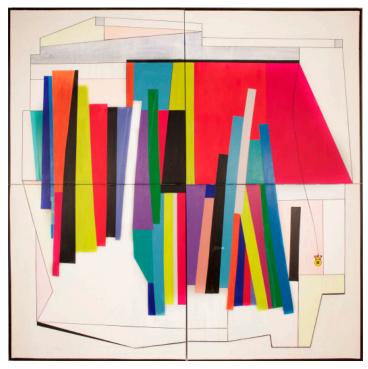


/// EATING CHICKEN (SPICY), 2015, HD VIDEO, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

LUIS CRUZ AZACETA



/// GREEN SQUARE (CAIRO), 2015, ACRYLIC ON CANVAS, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST



/// HEROES TALE, 2016, ACRYLIC ON CANVAS, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

BRIAN BARBIERI



/// UNTITLED, 2016, SILVER GELATIN PRINT, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST



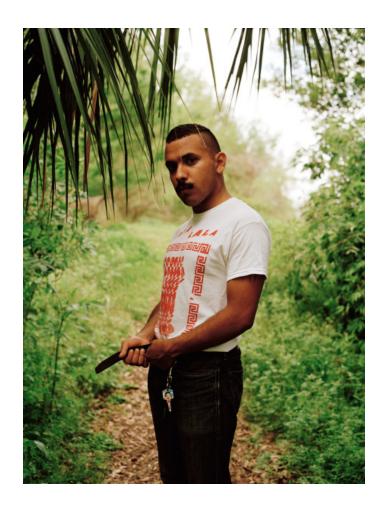
/// UNTITLED, 2016, SILVER GELATIN PRINT, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

ARON BELKA



/// SELF PORTRAIT, 2016, OIL ON CANVAS, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

CHRIS BERNTSEN







/// XAVIER CRUISING, 2015,
PHOTOGRAPH, COURTESY OF
THE ARTIST

/// LOCAL HONEY AT

TWILIGHT, 2015, PHOTOGRAPH,

COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

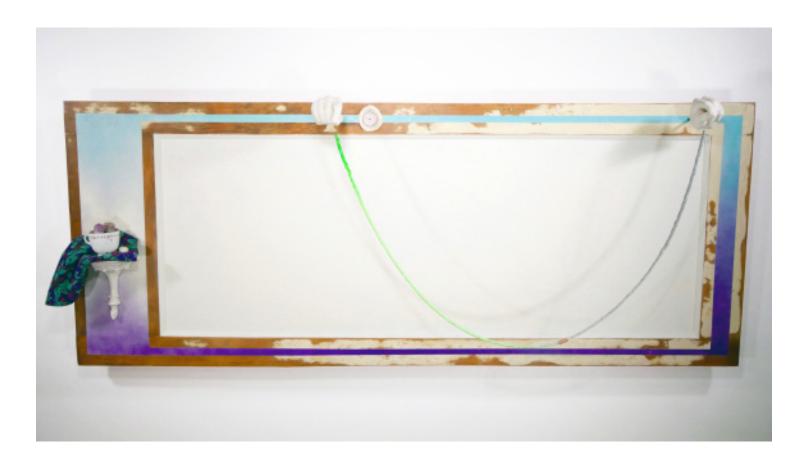
/// FLAYR IN THE BLUE
DRESS, 2016, PHOTOGRAPH,
COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

JAMES BILLEAUDEAU



/// SALUTE (FEAR OF FASCIST AMERICA), 2016, DIGITAL PIGMENT PRINT, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

DAVID BORDETT



/// SECRET TRUTH, WITCHES BREW, BLACKBERRY JUICE, 2016, WOOD, STEEL, PAINT, PLASTER, BLACKBERRY JUICE, 18K GOLD CHAIN, SWISS WATCH FACE, FABRIC, TEA CUP, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

SUSAN BOWERS



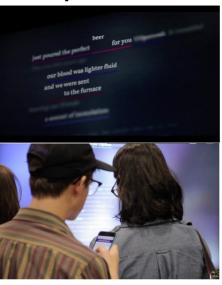




/// THE ICE CREAM PEOPLE, 2016,

JESSE ALLISON, VINCENT CELLUCCI, DERICK OSTRENKO

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/// CAUSEWAY, 2015, NEW MEDIA, COURTESY OF THE ARTISTS

BUREAU OF CHANGE



/// AMAZING GRACE (FT. BARACK OBAMA), 2016, VIDEO INSTALLATION, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

JOSHUA CHAMBERS





/// I FINALLY LEARNED TO LOVE MYSELF, 2016, ACRYLIC ON WOOD PANEL, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

/// FRAGILE AND MUCH LESS IN CONTROL, 2016, ACRYLIC ON WOOD PANEL, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

DAVID COLANNINO







/// MAP 80M7, 2016, GOUACHE, VINYL, ENAMEL, ACRYLIC, COLORED PENCIL, INK, AND GRAPHITE ON PAPER, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

DREW COOKE

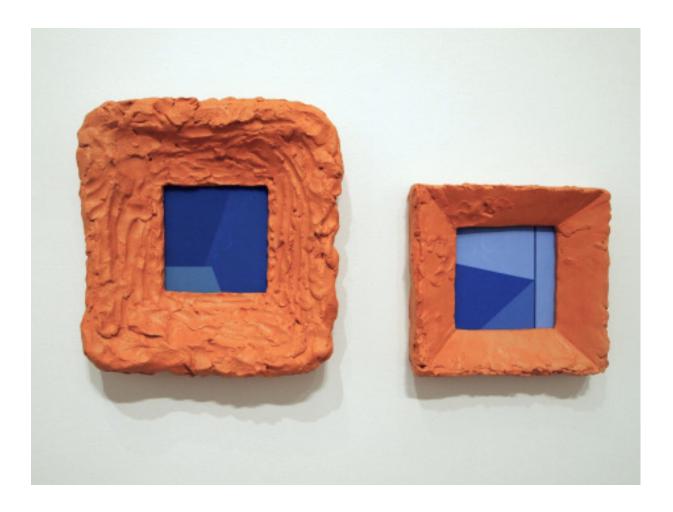




/// DIFFERENT ROADS, 2016, MIXED MEDIA CONSTRUCTION AND FREE-FLOWING COMPOUNDS, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

/// TRICKLE DOWN, 2016, MIXED MEDIA CONSTRUCTION AND FREE-FLOWING COMPOUNDS, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

WILLIAM DEPAUW



/// FRAMES WITH IMAGES, 2016, FIRED CERAMIC, WOOD, AND VINYL PAINT, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

JER'LISA DEVEZIN



/// PRESIDENTIAL ASS, 2014, MIXED MEDIA, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

BENJAMIN DILLER







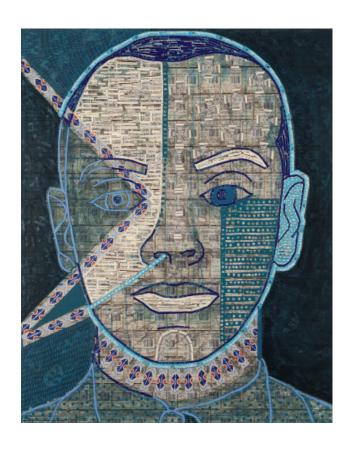
/// MANIFEST RECOIL, 2015, INK, ACRYLIC PAINT, WOOD, LACQUER, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

ADRIONE DOMINO

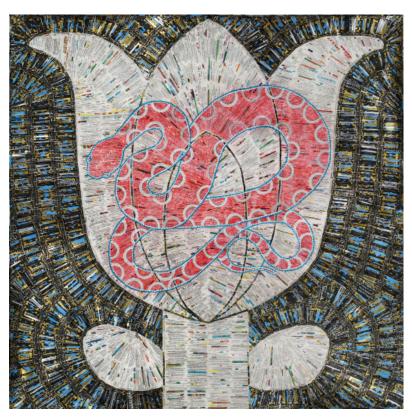


/// THE INHERITANCE, 2015, DIGITAL VIDEO, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

TROY DUGAS



/// FRANCESCO, 2015, MIXED MEDIA
PAINTING COLLAGE ON WOOD PANEL,
COURTESY OF THE ARTIST AND ARTHUR
ROGER GALLERY



/// SNAKE TULIP, 2016, MIXED MEDIA DRAWING
COLLAGE ON TYVEK, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST AND
ARTHUR ROGER GALLERY

ABDI FARAH



/// TERRIBLE FANS, 2016, NYLON, CHENILLE PATCHES, FRINGE, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST



/// ONE THOUSAND YEAR REIGN, 2016, NYLON, RIBBON, FELT LETTERING, VINYL DECALS, ACRYLIC PAINT, GROMMETS, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

IDA FLOREAK



/// BEETLE WITH LEAVES,
2016, OIL ON BIRCH PANEL,
COURTESY OF THE ARTIST



/// LONGHORN BEETLE, 2015, OIL ON BIRCH PANEL, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

JAMES FLYNN



/// ROYAL KENTE OF LOUIS ARMSTRONG KING ZULU 1936, 2015, ACRYLIC ON WOOD WITH RED FILTER ON STAND OR RED LENS GLASSES, 18W MEDIUM BASE LED LIGHTBULB, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

JOHN GARGANO



/// BLUE BUSHNELL, 2015, STONEWARE, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

SHAWN HALL



/// COY NEMATODE, 2016, ACRYLIC ON CRADLED CLAYBOARD, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST AND COLE PRATT GALLERY



/// SPRING POP, 2015, ACRYLIC ON CRADLED CLAYBOARD, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST AND COLE PRATT GALLERY

RONNA HARRIS



THE ARTIST

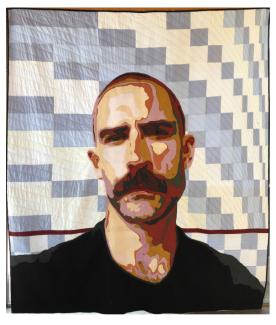


/// ANONYMOUS MALE #2, /// ANONYMOUS MALE #3, 2015, 2015, OIL, COURTESY OF OIL, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

PETER HORJUS







/// JCB, A SERIES OF MEN #3, 2015, USED MEN'S SHIRTS, COTTON AND COTTON BLEND FABRIC, COTTON BATTING, COTTON THREAD, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

SUSAN IRELAND



/// JENA AND ANNIE, 2016, ENAMELS ON CANVAS, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

XAVIER JUAREZ



/// I LIED ABOUT WHERE I WAS, 2015, VIDEO, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

KELLI SCOTT KELLEY



/// FIGHTING BACK, 2015, ACRYLIC ON RE-PURPOSED LINEN, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

JENNA KNOBLACH



/// 'TITLE IX', 2015, DIGITAL C-PRINT, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST



/// 'TITLE IX', 2015, LETTERPRESS
PRINTMAKING, MARKER, BULLETS,
COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

AVERY LAWRENCE AND VON CURTIS



/// DANCING LENTICULAR, 2015, DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPH, LENTICULAR LENS, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

CHRIS LAWSON



/// MANIFESTATION OF A
COCONUT, 2016, FOUND OBJECTS
ON WOOD BOARD, COURTESY OF
THE ARTIST

ANDREW LEBLANC



/// SEE NO EVIL, 2015, PAINTED ORNAMENTS, METALLIC AND SPRAY PAINTS ON WOOD BOARD, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

PAUL LEBLANC

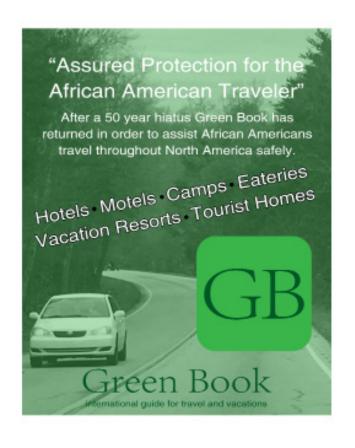




/// THE BULL RED HOST -1, 2016, OIL
ON ALUMINUM LINED PANEL. GOLD/
COPPER/SILVER LEAF, INFINITY MIRROR
WITH DIGITAL PRINT, COURTESY OF
THE ARTIST

/// THE BIRD OF HERMES, 2015,
OIL ON TEXTURED CANVAS. GOLD/
COPPER/SILVER LEAF, COURTESY OF
THE ARTIST

ERNEST JOSHUA LITTLES





/// GREEN BOOK PROMO 2, 2016, ARCHIVAL PRINT, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

/// TRACKS PROMO, 2016, ARCHIVAL PRINT, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

SHAWNE MAJOR





/// DURA MATER, 2015, MIXED MEDIA, SEWN, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

/// SURFACE TENSION, 2015, MIXED MEDIA, SEWN, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

KRISTIN MEYERS





COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

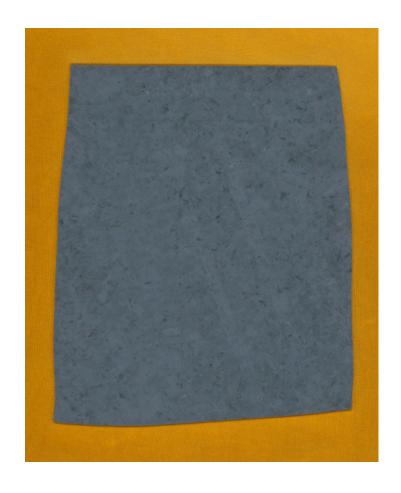
/// CHARON, 2016, MIXED MEDIA, /// MASQUERADE, 2016, MIXED MEDIA, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

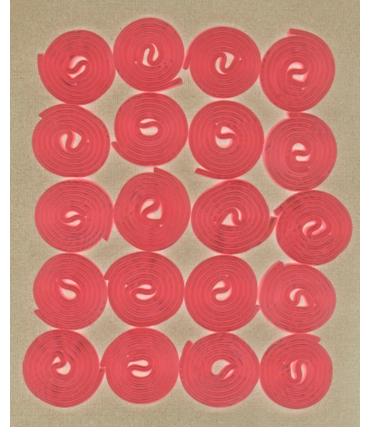
TI-ROCK MOORE



/// CRACKA HOUSE, 2015, CRACKER BOXES, WOOD, RESIN, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

LAKE NEWTON





/// YOU'RE NOT FROM AROUND HERE....., 2016, /// DIANA STREET BOOGIE, 2016, ARCHIVAL ARCHIVAL PIGMENT PRINT, COURTESY OF THE **ARTIST**

PIGMENT PRINT, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

CASEY PARKINSON



/// CONTRAST OF LIFE, 2016, PORCELAIN, WOOD, PLEXI, LED LIGHT, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

PAUL RIZZO









/// SURFACE RAINBOW, 2016, ACRYLIC, DECONSTRUCTED CLOTHING, E6000 AND MODGE PODGE ON CANVAS, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST /// JUST MEN, 2015, ACRYLIC MIXED MEDIA ON CANVAS, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST /// 1975, 2016
PENCIL, INKWASH,
MODGE PODGE AND
COLLAGE ON PAPER,
COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

/// 29, 2016, ACRYLIC MIXED MEDIA ON PAPER, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

RYAN SARTIN





/// COSMIC ASH FLOWER BED, 2016, PALM ASH
ON FABRIC STUFFED WITH BLANKETS, COURTESY
OF THE ARTIST

/// FLEUR DE LIS COUPLE, 2015, ACRYLIC AND SOIL ON CANVAS, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

DIXON STETLER



/// ALL MY EGGS IN ONE BASKET, 2016, PLASTIC, WIRE, METAL, HOSES, BIKE TIRE, EXTENSION CORDS, ETC, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

ARTHUR SEVERIO



/// HEY BLUE, 2016, PAPER PHOTOGRAPH
MATTED AND FRAMED IN A WOODEN
FRAME, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST



/// ANGEL, 2016, PAPER PHOTOGRAPH
MATTED AND FRAMED IN A WOODEN FRAME,
COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

BENNETT SEWELL



/// PATIENCE ST. GERMAIN, 2015, WOOD, METAL AND CLOTH, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

MAXX SIZELER





/// ABRACADABRA (MY HAND ON T), 2016, ACRYLIC ON CANVAS, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

/// BOYHOOD DREAM (FIRST TIME AT THE BEACH), 2016, ACRYLIC ON CANVAS, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

PATCH SOMERVILLE







/// STACKS, 2016, OIL ON LINEN, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

/// OVERGROWN, 2016, OIL
ON LINEN, COURTESY OF THE
ARTIST

/// REDACTED, 2016, OIL ON LINEN, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

ANDREW STUBBS



/// MONUMENT, 2016, METAL TRASH CAN, WOOD, PAINT, FABRIC, PROJECTOR, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

DAN TAGUE







/// PUSSY RIOT, 2015, DYE SUBLIMATION PRINT ON CANVAS, GESSO, AND YARN, COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

Bill Arning is the director of the Contemporary Arts Museum Houston. Since arriving at CAMH in 2009, he has organized solo exhibitions on Marc Swanson, Melanie Smith, Matthew Day Jackson, and the late Stan VanDerBeek. In 2015, along with curator Elissa Auther and the Museum of Contemporary Art Denver, he co-organized the survey show Marilyn Minter: Pretty/Dirty. Previously, Arning was curator at MIT's List Visual Arts Center (2000-2009), curating shows on AA Bronson, Cerith Wyn Evans, and Kate Ericson & Mel Ziegler. From 1985 to 1996, Arning was director of White Columns in New York, where he organized groundbreaking first solo shows for artists such as John Currin, Marilyn Minter, Andres Serrano, Richard Phillips, Cady Noland, and Jim Hodges. In 1993 Arning organized the first exhibition about gender and sexuality in South America, Maricas at the Center Cultural Ricardo Rojas at the University of Buenos Aires and, more recently, Powerful Babies-the Impact of Keith Haring on Art Today, at the Spritsmuseum, Stockholm with New York based curator Rick Herron. His writing has appeared in Artforum, Art in America, Out, and Parkett, and he has contributed to many international publications, including exhibition catalogues on Keith Haring, Christian Jankowski, and Donald Moffett. Most recently, he wrote an essay on the art market and AIDS for Art AIDS America, organized by the Tacoma Art Museum.

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