



southXeast
contemporary
southeastern art

Ritter Art Gallery: Saturday, January 20 – March 3, 2018

Schmidt Center Gallery: Friday, February 2 – March 24, 2018

Thursday, February 1, 2018

Exhibition Opening | 6:30 pm

Panel Discussion with four sXe artists | Schmidt Center Gallery | 7pm

Reception | Ritter Art Gallery | 8 pm

Evening Public Lectures:

Located in PA 101 | Lecture Hall next to Schmidt Center Gallery

Thursday, February 15, 2018

Hamza Walker, Director of LAXART | 7pm

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Kelly Kristin Jones and Katie Hargrave | 7pm

southXeast-visiting artists

Noon Time Artist Talk Series in VA 105

Includes visiting Artists; Douglas Pierre Baulos, Rachel K. Garceau,
John Powers, Rob Duarte, and Michelle Lisa Polissaint

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14 Artists selected for the 5th version of *southXeast* Exhibition at University Galleries, FAU

BOCA RATON, Fla. (November 8, 2017) – The University Galleries, FAU in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters have selected 14 visual artists to be presented in the 5th iteration of “*southXeast: Contemporary Southeastern Art.*” The emerging and under recognized contemporary-artists reside in 8 Southeastern states: Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Tennessee. The artists were selected from over 250 artists recommended for the triennial exhibition. The exhibition will fill all three University Galleries exhibition spaces: Ritter Art Gallery (January 20 – March 2, 2018), the Schmidt Center Gallery; and the Schmidt Center Gallery Public Space, the hall/lobby space adjacent to the Schmidt Center Gallery, (February 2 – March 24, 2018).

An opening Panel Discussion featuring four of the participating artists will be held at the Schmidt Center Gallery followed by a reception at the Ritter Art Gallery on Thursday, February 1st beginning at 6:30 pm. Two other public programs will be presented in February 2018 in association with the exhibition including a lecture by nationally recognized curator Hamza Walker, director of LAXART, a contemporary art venue in Los Angeles and an evening of two half hour lectures by two artists participating in “*southXeast*”. Dates and times of these February lectures are forthcoming. The exhibition and all related public programs are free and open to the public.

To kick-off the 5th version of “*southXeast*”, participating Tampa, Florida-based artist Robert Aiosa has just completed a site specific installation in the Schmidt Center Gallery Public Space, a 22-foot high architecturally unique and challenging space leading to the Schmidt Center Gallery. Aiosa’s new piece for FAU is one of several he has created for other public institutional settings that he calls geometric hybrid structures influenced by and resembling forms found at construction sites and within existing architecture. He abstracts the built environment and mixes

vernacular, high style, urban planning and history to showcase the diversity of architectural spaces we inhabit and pass through.

The 13 other participating artists work in a variety of media, including drawing, painting, installation, sculpture, performance, and video are: Doug Baulos (*Alabama*), Maysey Craddock (*Tennessee*), Rebecca Drolen (*Arkansas*), Rob Duarte (*Florida*), AnnieLaurie Erickson (*Louisiana*), Rachel Garceau (*Georgia*), Katie Hargrave (*Tennessee*), Kelly Kristin Jones (*Georgia*), Michelle Lisa Polissaint (*Florida*), John Powers (*Tennessee*), Rontherin Ratliff (*Louisiana*), Kathleen Thum (*South Carolina*), and Kristen Tordella-Williams (*Mississippi*). Several of the participating artists will travel to FAU to complete installations, engage with FAU visual arts students and present public programs.

“*southXeast: Contemporary Southeastern Art*” is a unique contribution to South Florida’s visual arts offerings as it complements and expands upon the region’s Miami-centered contemporary art scene. “*southXeast*” presents emerging and under-represented artists from 8 states, and is the only curated exhibition regularly presented in Florida to collectively present artists of the southeast region. The exhibition has been presented every third year since 2005 and has included 53 regional artists. The upcoming “*southXeast*” is co-curated by Rod Faulds, University Galleries Director, and Cynthia Stucki, FAU’17. The selected artists were chosen through a process of reviewing the work of artists recommended by curators, critics, contemporary art centers, past “*southXeast*” artists, and FAU art faculty.

The University Galleries, FAU are open to the public Tuesdays through Fridays, from 1 to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. Group and class tours are welcome during public hours as well as at other times scheduled by appointment. Gallery exhibitions are sponsored by the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County. For more information, call 561-297-2661, email galleries@fau.edu or visit www.fau.edu/galleries.

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