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New Exhibition, Laura Korman Gallery

Bergamot Station Arts Center, Santa Monica

June 21-Aug 16, 2017

THE ARTS MUST GO ON

Featuring Works from the Frostig Collection

Laura Korman Gallery is pleased to announce *The Arts Must Go On*, a group exhibition benefitting the Frostig Collection, running from June 21st-August 16th. A private reception will be held on Saturday, July 1, from 5-7 p.m.

This exhibition will also mark the final show for the gallery in this space - after two years at Bergamot Station, Laura Korman will be closing her gallery storefront to pursue new paths.

Fully devoted to continuing her active role in the arts, Korman will maintain an online presence for the gallery, work as a consultant for private clients and act as a counselor for students interested in pursuing careers in the arts. Due to the continued success of the gallery's representation of Washington DC-based artist, Katherine Tzu-Lan Mann, Korman will be working in collaboration with Lia Skidmore of Skidmore Contemporary Art to maintain Tzu-Lan Mann's presence at Bergamot Station.

To mark the occasion, State Assemblymember Richard Bloom, who serves on the California Joint Committee on the Arts, has been asked to speak during the reception on July 1st for *The Arts Must Go On*. An active advocate for the arts in California, Assemblyman Bloom introduced AB 189 in 2015, which sets out to foster and preserve arts and culture districts throughout the state.

The Arts Must Go On, is guest curated by Kate Stern of the Frostig Collection. The show will feature works by Larry Bell, Ed Moses, Charles Arnoldi, Alison Saar, Eric Johnson, Gary Baseman, David Buckingham, Kenton Nelson, Mike Stilkey, Ray Turner, Michael Kalish and Brad Howe.

About The Frostig Collection:

Conceived of by Celia and Chris Piazza, The Frostig Collection launched an unprecedented concept - an ongoing series of works created by well-known California artists to benefit programs that aid children with learning disabilities, Asperger's and High-Functioning Autism. Proceeds support the renowned Frostig Center's Social Skills Program in Pasadena, CA. Frostig is recognized throughout the world as a leader in both research and education of students with learning disabilities.

With this exhibition, Laura Korman continues her family's tradition of fundraising for the Frostig Center, as her late father Harvey Korman did before her. A comedy icon, Korman's father remains a huge influence on his daughter, both professionally and personally. As a nod to the senior Korman, the title of this exhibition is a play on the Hollywood phrase, "the show must go on", and perfectly sums up Laura's determination to

keep the arts alive and thriving in our city. As a native Angeleno raised in a creative environment, Laura understands the invaluable role that artists play in cultivating a vibrant society.

For five years, Laura Korman has been an active and integral member of the Bergamot Station Arts community, first as the director of TAG Gallery and then as the proprietor of her namesake gallery. Passionately dedicated, Laura is an advocate for the arts and education in Southern California, serving as a board member on the Santa Monica Junior Chamber of Commerce, as well as being committee member of the Bergamot Station Gallery Cultural Association during her tenure at the arts complex. A member of the Kiwanis Club, Laura initiated a "Visual and Performing Arts Scholarship" for public school students in the Santa Monica/Malibu Unified School District in 2017.

During the reception for *The Arts Must Go On*, on July 1, Laura will be accepting donations on behalf of Arts for LA, an organization that supports access to arts education for every student in the greater Los Angeles area. Laura was an ACTIVATE fellow for nine months at Arts for LA and also served as a delegate for the organization, speaking to LA city council members about the urgency of incorporating emphasis on the arts into their legislative measures and initiatives.

Korman believes that now more than ever it is crucial to keep the arts supported and flourishing in our communities and she is determined to do whatever she can to continue to promote artists, creative expression and equal access to arts education in our city. With much appreciation for the support and patronage she's received over the past two years, Laura is looking forward to continuing to enrich our community through the arts in new and vibrant ways. Stay tuned!

For questions regarding the exhibition and opening reception of *The Arts Must Go On*, July 1, 2017, 5-7pm at Laura Korman Gallery, please email info@laurakormangallery.com

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