

## **ARENA 1**

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### **For Immediate Release:**

18<sup>th</sup> October-17<sup>th</sup> November, 2018

### **Exhibition Opening:**

20<sup>th</sup> October, from 6pm – 9pm  
21<sup>st</sup> October, from 12pm-5pm

# **BETWEEN TWO SEAS / LA INTERNATIONAL**

An exhibition curated by: Luigia Martelloni



Scherezade Garcia, My Floating World, 2017

ARENA 1 Gallery is pleased to present "Between Two Seas / LA International, opening in conjunction with the 15th Anniversary Santa Monica Art Studios Open Studios weekend October 20th and 21st with an artists' reception on Saturday, October 20th from 6 to 9 pm.

The exhibition is curated by Los Angeles based, Italian artist Luigia Martelloni and focuses on how artists from more than ten different countries give shape to their heterogenous creative reality. "Their works reflect that all of us, wherever we are, find ourselves suspended between two spaces. We are all immigrants or emigrants in some way. The stories of displaced humans from the current international refugee crisis deserve attention and respect. It is my hope, especially acute after seeing the crisis up

close in my own country of birth, that this exhibition offers proof that art is an instrument of beauty, freedom, interconnection and integration, independent of ethnicities and religions. I believe that artists are a bridge between two seas spanning not only a physical place but an infinite horizon of desire to co-exist without prejudice and to see the world as one.”

The first iteration of this exhibition was mounted at the Museo Area Archeologica Arte Contemporanea in Cisternino, Puglia in Italy from July 7<sup>th</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup> this past summer.

Featuring work by :

Lynn Aldrich (USA) Krista Augius (Lithuania) Luigi Billi (Italy) Janine Brown (USA) Roberto Donatelli (Italy) David Eddington (England) Scherezade Garcia (Dominican Republic) Jerome Glomaud Chadeaux (France) John Goetz (Switzerland) Yossi Govrin (Israel) Kio Griffin (Japan/USA) Rachel Grynberg (USA) Uemon Ikeda (Japan) Deborah Lynn Irmis (USA) Jay Mark Johnson (USA) Veda B.Kaya (Turkey) Jeremy Kidd (England) David Koenig (Germany) Luigia Martelloni (Italy) Andy Moses (USA) Jackie Nach (SouthAfrica) Miguel Osuna (Mexico) Claudia Parducci (USA) Claudia Concha Perea (Colombia) Mei Xian Qiu (China/Indonesia) Osceola Refetoff (Canada) Tanja Rector (Holland) Doni Silver Simons (USA) Alberto Vannetti (Italy) Alexo Wandael (South Tyrol) Tania Welz (Germany) Wim Wenders (Germany)

**ARENA 1** is an exhibition space founded by Santa Monica Art Studios directors Yossi Govrin and Sherry Frumkin. Based in an historic hangar at the Santa Monica Airport, ARENA 1 invites nationally and internationally renowned artists, as well as established curators, to develop innovative and compelling exhibitions.

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