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2018 LA OPEN

In the spirit of our annual “California Open”, TAG Gallery is proud to present its first ever “LA OPEN.” This juried exhibition will serve as a gateway for a diverse range of artists in the greater Los Angeles area to display their artworks on Museum Row, home to four major Los Angeles museums. Our juror, Fabian Debora chose 110 artworks for this year’s exhibition from more than 922 submissions received in the greater Los Angeles area.

This exhibition aims to inaugurate TAG’s calendar year by exhibiting works of local artists. Students as well as seasoned artists, and those who may be new to gallery exhibitions, are encouraged to apply. The focus of this exhibition is to illustrate that artists are strong and impactful when they come together to facilitate dialogue amongst varied styles of works. To this end, the viewer and artist alike are encouraged to make unapparent connections between selected pieces and artists, revealing lay lines and webs of meaning that are sacred and unique to each viewer.

The juror for the LA Open is artist and Homeboy industries substance abuse counselor, Fabian Debora. Born in El Paso, Texas and raised in Boyle Heights, California, Debora has been creating art since childhood. Beginning his art career in 1995 as a member of the East Los Angeles Streetscapers, Fabian was mentored by many Chicano graffiti artists and muralists, introducing him to creative expression in all forms. Over the years Fabian has created murals throughout East Los Angeles and continued to develop his style through work on canvas. He has been showcased in solo and group exhibitions throughout the United States, including Santa Barbara, CA, Los Angeles, CA, and Kansas City, MO. Fabian is currently a substance abuse counselor and art mentor at Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles.

images from left to right:
Erin Adams, Jaykay, Posters & Acrylic, 48” x 36”
Scott Slagerman, Mesquite & Clear, Wood & Glass, 20” x 15” x 5”
John Waiblinger, Growing Flowers, Digital Art, 24” x 13”

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