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NEW PRINTS 2019/WINTER

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ARTISTS

Lisa Anne Auerbach, Susan Belau, Jill Burks, Susan Goethel Campbell, Allison Conley, Gabriela Esterovich, Caroline Forest, Alice Gauthier, Alicia Grobelka, Gary Groves, Lucy Holtsnider, Anna Hutchings, Richard Hutter, Rashid Johnson, Alison Judd, Enrique Leal, Kate Liebman, Judith Linhares, Mallory, Taryn McMahon, Zoran Mishe, Sean P. Morrissey, Ulrike Muller, Gail D. Panske, Arel Lisette Peckler, Claudia Rofman, Janet Yagoda Shagam, Rob Swainston, Naho Taruishi, and Kyung Eun You

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ROUND TABLE INTERVIEW WITH THE JURY

THIS OPEN CALL RECEIVED 654 SUBMISSIONS FROM ARTISTS OF ALL LEVELS OF EXPERIENCE FROM DIFFERENT REGIONS OF THE WORLD. WERE THERE ANY CRITERIA THAT GUIDED YOU WHEN MAKING SELECTIONS FROM SUCH A VAST ARRAY OF WORK?

MAY CASTLEBERRY

Originality, personality, questioning of established patterns, although as a judge one must remain aware that different cultures provide different contexts.

ELLERE ERODS

I looked for works that not only drew me in initially, but which kept me looking. The works that appeal to me most are the ones I can keep looking at and never fully understand.

TATANA KELLNER

I think we all have a predisposition to like certain work, and our selection was guided by our own aesthetic preferences and knowledge of printmaking. The selection was difficult, and there were many more works which I would have chosen, if space allowed.

DAVID SANDLIN

In my winnowing process, I knocked out work that was poorly executed, followed by pieces that were cliché. Works that caught my eye tended to be visually innovative or used printmaking technique to advance the image.

DO YOU SEE ANY REPEATED THEMES OR CONCEPTS AMONG THE WORKS? DID THOSE CONNECTIONS COME ABOUT DURING THE JURying PROCESS OR WERE THEY EASIER TO SEE AFTERWARDS?

MAY CASTLEBERRY

Many of the best works that we saw featured architectural and structural form.

ELLERE ERODS

We all noticed a theme of restraint, which revealed itself in a number of different ways: some works exhibited a restrained use of color, others a restrained, methodical gesture, and still others dealt with subject matter that evoked confinement or enclosures. I also noticed a number of images that dealt with organic forms, whether in a more literal sense (plant or oceanic matter) or a more abstract sense (free-form, natural imagery). These themes definitely came to light once we had narrowed down the group of works a bit.

TATANA KELLNER

I think most of the selected work defies a specific theme, reflecting the wide range of modes of expressions in the contemporary art world. To me the work often seems architectural, referencing spaces beyond the printed area, outside the frame of the work. The negative space is as significant as the image area.

DAVID SANDLIN

There was a partiality toward formalism that informed the cohesiveness of our selections.

HOW DID YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO OR EXPERIENCE WITH ART AND PRINTS INFLUENCE WHAT YOU WERE DRAWN TO DURING THE JURING PROCESS?

MAY CASTLEBERRY

I value work that is conscious of art history (so that one is not doomed to repeat it), personal exploration, originality, and a loving exploration of all the craft and technique (as long as technique is not a substitute for artistic innovation).

ELLERE ERODS

I am drawn to work in which the quality of the mark makes you think not only of the final image, but also how it was made, and the type of gesture the artist engaged with. Is it measured and meditative, or explosive and free?
TATANA KELLNER  Printmaking is a graphic medium. As such, it has a tendency to synthesize or clarify images. Generally, there is never any room for sloppy design or random mark making. Looking at the selection I was surprised by how many of the pieces we selected are monochromatic, as well as the integration of the specific process with the imagery.

DAVID SANDLIN  I'm a fan of social commentary with a quirky twist in the tradition of Ensor, Goya, and Gilray. My sensibilities were in the minority this time around.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF THIS COLLABORATIVE CURATORIAL PROCESS?

MAY CASTLEBERRY  I was really impressed with my fellow juror's knowledge as well as their sense of collaboration. I saw no downside, in that even when we were on different pages, we came together and learned from each other.

ELLEEREE ERODS  We all have particular criteria by which we critique the art we see, be it subconscious or clearly articulated. Getting together as a group afforded me a glimpse into the ways that other people approach the practice of "looking" and even acquire new methods of looking for myself. The most difficult part of the process was articulating the "why" for rejecting works in the final round.

TATANA KELLNER  A collaborative jury is more informed and allows for a more democratic and interesting selection. The challenge is negotiating different aesthetic and philosophical points of view to come up with a cohesive statement. Collaboratively curated exhibitions allow for more voices to be heard.

DAVID SANDLIN  Overall, the diversity of the panel members made for interesting conversation and appraisal. My aesthetic preferences were somewhat different from those of my colleagues, but I respected the process and very much enjoyed our discussions about what makes a good print.

THANKS FOR SHARING YOUR TIME AND YOUR PERSPECTIVES. HOW DO YOU VIEW IPCNY'S ROLE IN SHAPING ARTISTS' CAREERS AND THE FUTURE OF PRINT?

MAY CASTLEBERRY  IPCNY plays a great role, one that is very important for the field.

ELLEEREE ERODS  IPCNY plays an integral role in bringing together members of the print community as well as seeking out innovators in the field. The exhibitions unite emerging and established artists in contexts that enlighten, inform, and illustrate how a historical medium can be continually reinvented.

TATANA KELLNER  IPCNY is the only organization devoted to the medium of print that gives an open platform to artists working in print, and printmakers specifically. It's crucial for printmakers to see each other's work and prints are rarely celebrated and exhibited in commercial galleries. As such, it provides an unprecedented opportunity to artists from around the world to have their work seen in New York.

DAVID SANDLIN  I think it is a great thing for the printmaking community at large. I especially think IPCNY's open shows are a wonderful opportunity for young and emerging artists to show in the city.

THIS JURY WAS COMPOSED BASED ON EXPERTISE IN THE FIELD OF PRINT, IN YOUR VARIOUS CAPACITIES: AS ARTISTS, PRINTERS, WRITERS, PUBLISHERS, AND COLLECTORS. CAN YOU RECALL WHAT INITIALLY DREW YOU TO PRINTMAKING?

MAY CASTLEBERRY  My mother, an amateur artist, made silkscreen prints and woodcuts ever since I can remember. Later, I took several printmaking courses in college and graduate school. While working as a librarian, I attended workshops at the Center for Book Arts and other locations in New York. As a book publisher, I have worked with many hand printers and fine offset printers. As a librarian and curator, I have organized shows including prints, photographs and books.

ELLEEREE ERODS  During college, I worked in the department of Prints, Drawings & Photographs at the Clark Art Institute, where I really got to practice looking at prints and learn about the differences in process. I was drawn to the intimacy of works on paper, and the way in which prints are puzzles; you can use a multitude of visual clues to decipher [how] a work was made. In contemporary printmaking, I'm fascinated by the ways in which age-old techniques are constantly being innovated and expanded upon, yielding unexpected effects.

TATANA KELLNER  I fell in love with printmaking in undergraduate school, especially with etching. At that time I was strongly influenced by Goya's Los Caprichos. I like the graphic nature of printmaking and its historical role as the medium for the masses.

DAVID SANDLIN  I had a great drawing teacher in college who also taught printmaking. I discovered that it was a wonderful way to push my drawings and learn about color.

As part of the New Prints Artist Development Program, all exhibiting artists were invited to apply for three opportunities to receive further training, guidance, and exposure for their printmaking practice and career advancement: a month-long residency program, divided between IPCNY’s workshop space and its partner EFA Robert Blackburn Printmaking Workshop; a mentorship program designed to provide the artist with critical feedback, career guidance, and introductions in the field; and sponsored coursework at a workshop or school of the artist’s choice.

ABOUT THE NEW PRINTS PROGRAM
IPCNY’s New Prints Program is a platform for artists from a wide range of backgrounds working in the medium of print. The biannual open-call exhibitions feature prints in a variety of formats and techniques produced in the preceding twelve months.

ARTIST DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM Awardees

RESIDENCY Awardee
ALLISON CONLEY (JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY)


MENTORSHIP Awardee
LUCY HOLTSNIDER (POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK)


COURSEWORK Awardee
KYUNG EUN YOU (WOODSIDE, NEW YORK)


MEET THE JURY

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OPENING RECEPTION & ARTIST TALKS Thursday, January 17, 6–8PM
PINT N’ PRINT W/ MARINA ANCONA, FOUNDER OF 10 GRAND PRESS Thursday, February 7, 7–9PM
PINT N’ PRINT W/ ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE ALLISON CONLEY Thursday, February 21, 7–9PM
ARTIST TALKS + CLOSING PARTY Thursday, March 21, 6–8PM

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EDUCATION
IPCNY complements its exhibitions with guided tours, demos, and workshops for groups of all levels. From first-time introductions to the medium to deeper insights on particular practices and movements, our programming can be tailored to meet the educational needs and interest level of each group. For more information or to book an education visit please contact Megan Duffy at megan@ipcny.org.

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