JUROR - Richard Klein is a curator, artist, and writer. Since 1999 he has been Exhibitions Director of The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum in Ridgefield, Connecticut. In his two decade long career as a curator of contemporary art he has organized over 80 exhibitions, including solo shows of the work of Janine Antoni, Sol LeWitt, Mark Dion, Roy Lichtenstein, Hank Willis Thomas, Brad Kahlhamer, Kim Jones, Jack Whitten, Jessica Stockholder, Tom Sachs, and Elana Herzog. Major curatorial projects at The Aldrich have included Fred Wilson: Black Like Me (2006), No Reservations: Native American History and Culture in Contemporary Art (2006), Elizabeth Peyton: Portrait of an Artist (2008), Shimon Attie: MetroPAL.Is. (2011), Michael Joo: Drift (2014), Kay Rosen: H is for House (2017), Weather Report (2019), and Frank Stella’s Stars, A Survey, co-curated with Amy Smith-Stewart (2020). As an artist, he has exhibited widely, including the Neuberger Museum of Art at SUNY Purchase; Caren Golden Fine Art, New York; the John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI; Hales Gallery, London; Gavlak Gallery, Palm Beach, FL; the Portland Institute of Contemporary Art, Portland, OR; and Incident Report, Hudson, NY. His essays on art and culture have appeared in Cabinet Magazine and have been included in books published by Gregory R. Miller & Co., Damiani, Picturebox, Ridinghouse, Hatje Cantz, and the University of Chicago Press, among others.
fundamentally as a human being—the continuing social and political upheaval as well as the pandemic has affected my psyche with the result being my taste skewed towards art that is more serious and consequential. I’m not sure if this is apparent in my choices, but I do think it created a firm foundation for an exhibition with such a diverse range of approaches. Some think of art as a diversion or escape, others want it to be an irritant or reminder. The works in 2021’s A-ONE represent both ends of this spectrum and almost everything in between. Hopefully, the viewer will find in the exhibition what type of beauty they need at this moment.

I want to thank all of the artists that submitted works for consideration—both those who were chosen and those that weren’t—for not only having the faith to go down the uncertain path of a juried exhibit, but also for believing in the power of their imagination. To the viewers of the exhibition: If you return home and you find yourself thinking about a particular work that caught your eye the fact that it lodged in your memory and rose into consciousness despite the distractions of everyday life is a sure sign that it means something to you. I trust you will make the leap of faith and decide to bring it into your home so that it’s presence can continue to inspire.

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“The Day the Sky Fell is a work that reflects my ongoing use of repurposed materials. The combination of broken glass, falling from a reflective “sky” darting planes and playful bells suggest danger past and present, but also hope, comfort, and affirmation.”

The Day The Sky Fell
repurposed glass, paint, metal, wood, cord
90 x 29 x 28 inches, $8,000.
“Straight lines are the product of my thirty year search to simplify art as the abstract expressionist lives it. Straight lines are the sheerest statements to be made for art, the clearest, as my work describes ever finer edges. I aim for ironical understatement in the contrast between bleak unmarried lines and the lush fecundity of fresh color. Shiny finishes are not decorative; rather, they commemorate the beauties of art that has lived before.”

Helmut Amann
New York, NY

Metallic Angles
metallic paints, acrylics, 24 x 62 x 5.5 inches, $10,000.
“Christina Baril is captivated by the human psyche, visualizing it as a complex and unrelenting seesaw, where lines of perception and reality are blurred. Her current work explores representing this internal narrative as a dwelling, not the brain itself, but a distant and foreign structure that maintains its own reality and formal idiosyncrasies. Baril interprets these surreal architectures as a collision of ego and id, unique to every individual, circumstance, and place.”
Christina Baril
Bradenton, FL

The Yard
glazed stoneware, 18 x 25 x 20 inches, $3,000.
“My work explores transformation in the natural and spiritual worlds in forms and images that straddle the abstract and the surreal. It has a strong visceral feel to it that comes partly from my background in ceramics and partly from my love of vivid rich color.

The shapes I work with are usually elemental, organic and to my mind archetypal, such as circles, ellipses, squares. I rely on them to create deliberately ambiguous images. Very often I try to create a surface that slowly mutates from one side to the other. Ideas frequently emerge as I experiment and manipulate the materials. If I am lucky a visual poetry emerges. I work slowly and deliberately to make art that I hope will invite viewers to keep looking and finding new things to see and connect with.”

Paul Brandwein
Rochester, NY

Arc
fired ceramics, acrylics, 20 x 16 x 2 inches, $1,200.
Paul Brandwein  
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Bending  
ink, paint on paper, 20 x 16 inches, $1,200.
“During this time of forced solitude my stream-of-consciousness sketchbook meditations become monotypes where I fluidly search a palace of memories. My mother had a stroke at the start of the pandemic and I was unable to visit her. These images of human connection resonate with longing for the physical interaction we crave. Image making is my solace in these times.”

Anti-Gravity
monotype, 18 x 18 x 2 inches, $1,200.

Scott Bricher
South Kent, CT
Ascend
monotype, 24 x 18 x 2 inches, $1,200.

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Undertow 1
monotype, 18 x 24 x 2 inches, $1,200.
“My work is rooted in the form of contemplative prayer called Visio Divina, a practice of meditating upon an image and allowing the soul to respond. Artistically influenced by a range of sources including Alberto Giacometti, Edgar Degas, Martha Graham, Paul Cézanne and Classical Greek sculpture, I see the body as a way to offer visual meditations on the parts of ourselves that go beyond language; ideas like lamentation, gratitude, or the faith of a person.”
Rest

PA12 nylon, 11 x 6.5 x 2 inches, $700.

Eoin Burke
New Haven, CT
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Gratitude
PA12 nylon, 12.5 x 6 x 2 inches, $700.
"As an artist, I am weaving a historical Black narrative that points you toward something through a Contemporary Art Lens with social, political, environmental, cultural and racial issues!

When possible, I am seeking the humanitarian agency which relates common issues, concerns and problems that exists for all people, regardless of race, religion, or sexual orientation."

Promise
wood, plaster, metal, 72 x 24 x 24 inches, $14,000.

James Buxton
Farmington, CT
If You Are Silent About Your Pain

Painted wood, 72 x 24 x 72 inches, $17,000.

James Buxton
Farmington, CT
My Feet Our Tired But My Spirit Is Rested
painted wood, 78 x 22 x 22 inches, $6,000.

James Buxton
Farmington, CT
“For the last 9 years I have worked almost exclusively making ink drawings on heavy white watercolor paper. The finished pieces, composed of a limited range of simple, repetitive marks (lines, dots, tiny circles, scribbling) range in size from miniature to monumental. Done freehand, testing the limits of concentration, the drawings reveal every wobble and hesitation, yet maintain a semblance of control through organizational principles like columns, grids, and squares. I am drawn to the tension between order and disarray, micro and macro, density and vacancy. Recently I’ve been working larger, both by testing the reach of my arm across a single piece of paper, and by tiling drawings together in sky’s-the-limit grids. These large drawings are meant to be simply pinned to the wall, breaking down the conventional barrier of framed works under glass. When examined close-up, the span of these works goes beyond the viewer’s peripheral vision and envelops them in the world of the drawing.”
Sky Tapestry #3
ink on watercolor paper, 22 x 22 inches, $1,500.

Jennifer Cadoff
Scarsdale, NY
“Signs of an Unknown Land and Leaping Leopards began in a visit I made to a haunting and terrible museum in Paris called “Musee de la Chasse et de la Nature (Museum of the Hunt and Nature), several stories of slaughtered and stuffed birds and animals, including these leopards and the little owl. The osprey and fish and cat are living creatures I see almost every day here in coastal Connecticut. Animals have their own lives, wrapped in their own mysteries, and we should be honored and humbled that so many still carry on around our own species, murderous vainglorious apes that we are. I continue to make new animal prints, both in drypoint and woodcut, to record their lives and beauty.”
Signs of an Unknown Land
woodcut, 60 x 38 inches, $4,000.
"As a visual artist I paint a kind of magical consciousness that celebrates thought along with vision, a kind of conceptual abstraction. Disparate elements speak of our times while existing in their own other-world.

I use a great deal of free association in these paintings. Having collected random bits of ephemera which I keep in several binders, they serve as the building blocks for the spaces I inhabit here, putting together what works. The process can be messy and drawn out, It will seem as if disaster has struck until the images come together and a balance is achieved, creating a picture of an alternate and often very strange other-world."
“Succulent Terrain”
gouache, ink, graphite, 30 x 24 inches, $4,500.
"By carving wood, forming clay, bending wire, collaging paper, and using found objects, I hope to reveal something that you already know but have never felt or considered before—someone else's story or beauty—so that in turn you see yourself reflected. I am captivated by the subtle nuances in life, the mundane flipped upside down to reveal the poetic, what hope might look like, how a piece of artwork brings one to tears, finding joy in an object's form, how art can initiate change ... all of this gets woven into my art making. My compositions tell stories, helps us connect and speak about our shared humanity. My work reflects the times in which we live."
“My focus is arranging color and pattern to make work which seems simple but becomes more complex and inspirational the longer it is experienced. The use of repetition and mathematical tangents result in images that burst outward with exuberant color. Upward-curving stripes are my vocabulary for movement, which I interpret to be “moving in the right direction”. My series is a parade that will pull in viewers to march alongside me, toward transformation.”

clearly and systematically
acrylic on canvas, 74 x 26 x 2.5 inches, $2,450.

Cynthia Cooper
Farmington, CT
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cascade
acrylic on canvas, 50 x 26 x 2.5 inches, $2,450.

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Farmington, CT

dragonfly uprise
acrylic on canvas, 38 x 46 x 2.5 inches, $2,450.
“This painting, “Michael,” is one in a memento mori series that marries classical symbolism with contemporary characters to tell internal narratives. Memento mori is a Latin phrase which translates to: “Remember you will die.” Mortality has been a dominant theme throughout art history and is a particularly arresting concept in portrait paintings which often outlive their subjects. My interest is in recontextualizing traditional allegories of death in modern figurative paintings to create a space of expressed unease, despair, and faith—providing an opportunity for viewers to share and cope with the anxiety and isolation induced by this current climate.”
“My process begins with the research and selection of images spanning a wide range of content and eras. The careful curation and juxtaposition of various bits of ephemera, found objects, and handmade elements amounts to a product greater than the sum of its parts. Through this exploration, commentary is possible in a unique visual language.”
Observation
mixed media collage, 12 x 18 inches, $285.
Jessica Dowling
Norwalk, CT

Progress
mixed media collage, 12 x 18 inches, $285
“Her latest body of work that she has been working on for the past five years, is inspired by the illustrations found in the Voynich Manuscript. This 250-page book, is believed to have been written in the early 15th century, is of a mysterious origin and purpose. Written in an unknown language, by an unknown author and currently housed at Yale University’s Beinecke Rare Book Library, the manuscript has eluded all attempts in the intervening centuries to decode or decipher its purpose and meaning. This enigmatic manuscript is divided into 6 different sections (herbal, astronomical, biological, cosmological, pharmaceutical and recipes). Having discovered the images contained in Voynich Manuscript over the Internet, Eiferman felt an immediate, profound and inexplicable connection to this manuscript and its creator. The artist is currently transposing the “herbal” section of manuscript into sculptures. This section is filled with illustrations of plants and flowers that do not really exist in nature—past or present. These aren’t just pretty images of flowers—they also contain the wacky root systems and seemingly out of proportion leaves, petals, rhizomes and pistils.”
“My focus as an artist is to make work without expectation, to create beauty and to personally quiet my mind. My work is a direct expression of my deepest emotions. The actual making of the work is the process in which I can quiet those emotions and thoughts down to find a meditative space.”

Katy Ferrarone
Waccabuc, NY

Hidden In Sight
acrylic, ink on canvas, 56 x 56 x 1.5 inches, $8,000.
Katy Ferrarone
Waccabuc, NY

Inside, Around About
acrylic, ink on canvas, 48 x 44 x 2.5 inches, $6,800.
Katy Ferrarone
Waccabuc, NY

Wind Down
acrylic, ink on paper, 30 x 22 inches, $3,000
“I address one of paintings primordial subjects, that of exploring the experience of perception, dissecting the different degrees that lie between the vision of an object & its painted image. My subjects are rendered as barely there-inhabiting space between a glance, observation & memory. The paintings’ soft focus simultaneously alludes to the atmospheric sfumato of Renaissance pictorial space, the narrow depth of field of photographic images & the pixelization of zoomed in low-res digital images.”
Kevin Ford
Norwalk, CT

Four Flowers
acrylic on panel, 30 x 24 inches, $2,800.
Kevin Ford
Norwalk, CT

Lee
acrylic on panel, 30 x 39 inches, $3,000.
“Artist often have many loves in terms of the materials they enjoy using but sometimes feel they must switch hats and work with them separately. Wanting to combine my love of textile work, encaustic painting, drawing, and technology led me to digital machine embroidery. I wanted to remove the “hand” from my drawing practice. I felt it would give me less control and open me up, via new technical limitations, to new images. I was also inspired by Louise Bourgeois’s use of digital embroidery (via master printer Judith Solodkin) in her prints. Now I think of the textured-motif stitch lines as my drawing lines and the threads as my colored pencils. Absorbent microfiber material allows me to paint and print with oil and wax and then stitch heavily through the paint, without tearing. I hope to share this odyssey of trial, many errors and inspirations that led to this exploration of a new way to make a painting.”
Leslie Giuliani
Weston, CT

Aloft
appliqué, sequin on embroidered encaustic painting, 10 x 8 inches, $200.
Leslie Giuliani
Weston, CT

Vessel
appliqué, sequin on embroidered encaustic painting, 10 x 8 inches, $200.
“I begin my work with a repetitive process to form a substrate, a surface for the paint to collect and pool, layers of clay or paper to interweave, spaces for materials to dissolve and build back up again. These surfaces form a painting with physical and illusionary space.

I’ve been examining clouds, the most ephemeral parts of landscapes. My recent work originates from the same source, images of clouds taken from news headlines in 2020-2021. As converging natural and unnatural disasters of the pandemic, the fight for social justice, and the climate change crisis gave way to a landscape of smoke-filled skies, similar colors and gradations of artificial clouds rose from across America.

My work aims to create an inmate visual space for reflection and contemplation on grief, unrest, and transformation.”
Mary Janacek
Fairfield, CT

After it broke out near Paradise... - East Bay Times
air-dry porcelain, watercolor, acrylic on panel, 14 x 11 inches, $1,000.
Mary Janacek
Fairfield, CT

troubleman investigating... - Sacramento Bee
air-dry porcelain, watercolor, acrylic on panel, 11 x 14 inches, $1,000.
“I create weavings and paintings depicting images of organic forms, interconnected fibers, and geometric structures. I’m interested in depicting the opposition of two divergent forces, using the structure of the grid and the fluidity of textiles as a metaphor for the imperfect nature of the human body. These concepts are derived from my own history of spinal deformity and Bell’s palsy, as well as my fascination with the symmetrical elements of decorative art.

My process often begins with freehand drawing and watercolor painting before turning an image into something more structured and systematic. Creating work through this lens has allowed me to connect my interests in ornamentation, identity politics, and the tension between the natural and man-made that exists within my own body. I use materials and imagery metaphorically, from combining soft fibers with rigid metal wire to portraying the coexisting dualities of sinuous curves supported by lattice. My themes include symmetry and asymmetry, deformity and correction, systems failing, and organic and geometric structures coexisting. My work considers the political nature of the human body what is considered abject.”

Erin Juliana
Brooklyn, NY

Clasp
fabric, polyfill on metal grid frame, 16 x 12 x 1 inches, $775.
“The “Pandora’s Box” series explores the processes of accretion and loss. One desire to contain against the other desire to expand. The polarization of forces echoing the constant push and pull from order to chaos and back again. The juxtaposition of escape and confinement, expansion and compression — and the resultant fragile edifice of visual interdependent form on form.”
"A carousel theme connects life-sized figures which recall Picasso/Calder-like stabiles. This is a fantastical dreamscape where large cutouts interlock bodies both realistic and abstract. The mood moves from playful to dark. Horses, humans, birds and unreal beasts connect and pull away. There is tension between the carvings that make up the cylindrical heart of the carousel and the figures that encircle it."
Polly Kurasch
Pittsfield, MA

Two
collaged papers, colored pencils, 53 x 48 inches, $2,500.
“Whether in drawing, painting or printmaking, the process for me is about layering and energizing space in such a way that objects are fluid, interconnected and full of energy and movement. I try to use a variety of lines, marks and media to suggest both stasis and openness to possibility and transformation. My focus for this work has been on simple materials of graphite and mixed media. I hope the work encompasses a wide range of emotion, but finally rests in a delicate, joyous balance.”
Nancy Lasar  
Washington Depot, CT

Tilt and Twirl  
collage, colored pencil on ragboard, 29.25 x 36.5 inches, $3,500.
“One concentration in my work is the conveyance of stillness, a retreat for personal space, as its own regenerative answer to the fraught cultural traffic so difficult to avoid in modern times.

My work reflects a period of honest, quiet, looking. While my practice has been informed formally by the long tradition of perceptual painting, I’ve come of age in a time of rapidly-changing technology and over-stimulation. Perceptual painting has become an essential meditative practice to me.

While my subject matter is often deeply personal, I like to focus on the more implicit elements of the painting and explore an emotional depth through form that is not curated or intellectualized.”

Election Day Giraffe (in Cluny)
oil on linen mounted on board, 6 x 4 inches, $400.
Megan Marden
Danbury, CT

Foghorn and Tomato Plant with Millefleur
oil on linen mounted on board, 6 x 6 inches, $400.
Caterpillars Eating Kale

oil on linen mounted on board, 6 x 4 inches, $400.
“My most recent paintings, including the two in the show, are reflections on anxiety, hope, and the passage of time. During the COVID-19 quarantine, I rediscovered a box of my childhood drawings. Many of these old pictures reflected the same traumatic emotions that the pandemic stirred in me as an adult. Once more, I wrestled with feelings I thought had been left in childhood. Simultaneously, I was inspired by the resilience, animation and imagination of my former self in the face of tragedy. The drawings, made between the ages of 4-6, became the subject matter for an ongoing series of work. The project combines my mature aesthetic expression with early memories. These paintings capture time within time. They represent an emotive meeting of two “selves” separated by decades: loving, accessible and profound.”
Tom Matt
Long Island City, NY

Still Life with Childhood Drawing 1970 Stumble
oil on linen, 16 x 20 inches, $3,000.
“I am involved in each step of my photographs. Although they are self-portraits, they say little about me. I develop my film in a coffee based, home brew developer. My prints are made with a lithium palladium emulsion that is hand coated onto cotton rag paper. They are contact printed, preserving the original size of the negative. Sometimes, I age and patinate the photograph by waxing, rubbing, or scratching the surface. My prints are not editioned, but produced individually, and are unique.”
Robert Oehl
Hudson, NY

Untitled #2
lithium palladium print, 5 x 4 inches, $1,000.
Robert Oehl
Hudson, NY

Untitled #3
lithium palladium print, 5 x 4 inches, $1,000.
“I make plastic paintings: wall pieces made with up-cycled plastic. My intent is to work toward alchemy of medium and message. Using found grids (construction fencing, refrigerator coils, chicken wire) and found materials (plastic collected from the ocean, the desert, and my home), I weave, knot, and sculpt "plastic paintings." I transform everyday detritus into magnetic, colorful objects that first draw in the viewer, then bring to their attention the material excesses of our time.”
“My sculptures are crafted from a simple basic idea that develops and forms quickly and intuitively. I start with a vague foundation, inspired by objects I find in my everyday surroundings. A cardboard shoe form, Styrofoam or my favorite, corrugated cardboard. My work often begins satirically, echoing the discomfort of living in today’s world. Humor and whimsey provides the characters a palatable, alive, and sympathetic component. At completion, it transforms into a powerful commentary addressing societal stereotypes celebrating the beautiful, the bad, and the ugly with an emphasis on celebrating the oddities yet power of the underdog.”

Still Drag’n My Ball and Chain
bronze, 11.5 x 14 x 15 inches, $6,750.
Cow Catcher
bronze 11 x 11.5 x 4.5 inches, $5,500.
Claudia Renfro
Pound Ridge, NY

*Big Toe 57*
bronze, 8 x 11 x 5 inches, $5,500.
“I have been working on a portfolio of photographs of found curiosities during my travels in the United States. The goal of this body of work is to evoke humor, but the irony visible when it encounters with everyday situations. I have a tongue-in-cheek view of Americana and I am constantly looking for evidence that below the surface, something is not quite right.”
Mark Savoia
New Fairfield, CT

I Trust You
photograph, 13 x 13 inches, $400.
Mark Savoia
New Fairfield, CT

The Rapture
photograph, 13 x 13 inches, $400.
“I am captivated by the unexpected: a reflective puddle, light raking across a scarred floor, a tangle of shadows, scrawled graffiti. Captured spontaneously with my cell phone camera, my digital images are the basis for my Jacquard weavings, which are rendered via a different digital language—that of interlaced colored threads.”

Betty Vera
North Adams, MA

Halo
Jacquard tapestry, 66.5 x 46.5, $10,000.
Betty Vera
North Adams, MA

Presence
Jacquard tapestry, 65.5 x 46.25, $10,000.
Silvermine Galleries

Silvermine Galleries represents the Silvermine Guild of Artists. Our Galleries have exhibited art luminaries including Joseph Albers, Gabor Peterdi, Milton Avery, Elaine deKooning, Clement Greenberg, Alice Neel, Louise Nevelson, Larry Rivers, Christo and Jeanne-Claude, Faith Ringold, James Rosenquist, Chuck Close, Philip Johnson, and many others.

The Galleries continue to expand on our heritage through compelling exhibitions of art by emerging and internationally recognized artists. A distinguished list of curators have juried many of our landmark exhibitions, among them are Dore Ashton, Milton Avery, Bill Carroll, Tom Eccles, Andre Emmerich, Jennifer Farrell, Henry Geldzahler, Patricia Hickson, Hilton Kramer, Beth McLaughlin, Barbara O’Brien, David Ross, Holly Solomon, Allan Stone, Ann Temkin, and Marcia Tucker.

Our exhibitions are accompanied by programming that encourages appreciation of art and its role in society. Our layered approach is tailored to make our exhibitions meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable for diverse audiences of every age and background and always offer opportunities for visitors to connect with art, and each other through an exploration of ideas.

Silvermine Guild of Artists

Silvermine has been a place for artists to gather since 1906 when visionary sculptor Solon Borglum moved to the area and held annual exhibitions in his studio. He created weekly artist-critiques called the Knockers Club. Formed in 1922, The Silvermine Guild of Artists was incorporated in 1924 as a not-for-profit to provide a permanent and supportive community of artists. Guild members represent artists that have a high level of accomplishment and are selected through a jurying process.

Silvermine Guild of Artists has been a hub for some of the most talented artists in the Northeast. Guild membership has grown to almost 300 artist members nationwide, and has included such renowned artists as Abe Ajay, James Daugherty, Carlus Dyer, James Flora, James Grashow, Robert Kaupelis, Alice Neel, Gabor Peterdi, Charles Reiffel, James Rosenquist and honorary member Faith Ringgold.

Since its inception, guild membership has been a selective peer jurying process. As a result, the guild has held its membership to high standards with many members having work represented in permanent collections of some of the world’s most prestigious museums, as well as prominent private and corporate collections.
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