



Commission for Arts and Culture

FACT SHEET

SD Practice

About the Art Purchase Initiative

As California continues to re-open, the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on artists is projected to last for months, if not years. Because of the COVID-19 stay home order many artists were left with few ways to exhibit their work and or generate income through gig economy work. With that in mind the City of San Diego (City) in the spring of 2020 launched SD Practice to support local artists.

The City recently announced 100 new acquisitions by 89 local artists through the SD Practice initiative, which focused on the purchase of existing artworks from San Diego area artists. The goals of the initiative are to support local artists affected by the COVID-19 pandemic by putting badly needed money into their hands, advance the mission of the Civic Art Collection and increase the collection holdings by acquiring new works that reflect the rich diversity of artistic talent and expression in San Diego.

Artists include: Andrew Alcasid, Trevor Amery, Farshid Bazmandegan, Doris Bittar, Kelsey Brookes, Manuelita Brown, Juan Cabrera, Claudia Cano, Carlos Castro, Alida Cervantes, John Chang, Andrea Chung, Cognate Collective, Hugo Crosthwaite, scott b. davis, Marianela de la Hoz, Danielle Dean, Thomas Driscoll, Bill Feeney, Victoria Fu, Kaori Fukuyama, Christian Garcia-Olivo, Lorena Gómez Mostajo, Sofia Gonzales, Chitra Gopalakrishnan, Kimberly Heard, Matthew Hebert, John Brinton Hogan, Huai Li, Terri Hughes-Oelrich, Lisa Hutton, Janelle Iglesias, Beliz Iristay, Angie Jennings, Amanda Kachadoorian, Yasmine Kasem, Debby and Larry Kline, Alexander Kohnke, Aleya Lanteigne, John Oliver Lewis, Omar Lopex, Jean Lowe, Wendy Maruyama, Brad Maxey, Jessica McCambly, Bhavna Mehta, Stephen Milner, John Mireles, Nina Montejano, Michelle Moore, Francisco Morales, William Mosely, Anne Mudge, Nikko Mueller, Michael Mulno, Timothy Murdoch, Kristin Nason, Nassem Navab-Gojrati, Margaret Noble, Ingram Ober, Tatiana Ortiz-Rubio, Cat Chiu Phillips, Scott Polach, Christina Ree, Marisol Rendon, Matt Rich, Brianna Rigg, Griselda Rosas, Katie Ruiz, Philipp Scholz Rittermann, Lynn Schutte, Reinhart Selvik, Jason Sherry, Charles Snowden, Eva Struble, Kline Swonger, Joshua Tonies, Mario Torero, Maya VanderSchuit, Perry Vasquez, Ruth Wallen, Melissa Walter, Rebecca Webb, David White, Allison Wiese, Duke Windsor, Chantal Wnuk, Joe Yorty.

Acquisition of these new works is made possible through a \$500,000 gift from the estate of Thomas O. Rasmussen, an avid contemporary art collector. Rasmussen, who died in 2014, desired to expand the presence of artwork in public facilities.

The new acquisitions span artistic media from painting, sculpture, drawings and prints to photography, video, installations, and textiles and reveal key aspects of San Diego's art practices, and in most cases, are the City's first works by the respective artists.

The acquisition effort included issuance of a request for proposals (RFPs), a process that was open to practicing artists residing in San Diego County. 552 artists responded to the RFP. The City convened a panel of five jurors who carefully considered the priorities for the SD Practice initiative in their assessment of eligible artwork applications and subsequent recommendations, which among many goals, aims to diversify the collection and underscore the City's commitment to working artists and their important role in civic life.

The works will be featured in public places for residents and visitors to enjoy beginning in summer 2021.