

**Studio Montclair Presents “20/20,” an Exhibition at Academy Square Galleries, 33 Plymouth Street, Montclair, NJ**

**October 13, 2017 to December 15, 2017**

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Montclair, NJ (September, 2017) – As part of its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Studio Montclair (SMI) presents the exhibit “20/20,” to run from October 13, 2017 through December 15, 2017 at Academy Square Galleries, 33 Plymouth Street, Montclair, NJ. An opening reception will be held on October 20, 2017, from 6 to 9pm.

Each of the 54 works in the show measures 20 inches by 20 inches, a symbol of SMI’s clear vision moving forward, as well as a celebration of the organization’s accomplishments of the last twenty years. Founded in 1996 by five local artists, Studio Montclair has grown to about 400 members, a quarter of whom are Montclair residents, with the remaining 75 percent living in other New Jersey towns, and 20 states from every region of the country, as well as Europe and Asia.

Explains curator Pamela Moore, “With all of the artwork being the same size, yet uniquely individual, the show reinforces the notions of inclusivity, harmony, and balance.” In the exhibit, which includes painting, printmaking, sculptural collages, and photography, “humor, innocence, beauty, as well thought-provoking images prevail,” Moore states.

**Participating Artists**

Phyllis Anderson, Francesca Azzara, Susanna Baker, Bette Blank, Virginia Block, Joseph Borzatta, Ron Brown, Vincent Buchinsky, Robyn Burns, RitaMarie Cimini, Dorothy Cochran, William Davis, Debra Devor, Leslie Ford, Janice Gewirtz, Elizabeth Ginsberg, Madeline Giotta, Therese Halscheid, Alice Harrison, Jeannine Hunter Lazzaro, Catherine Kinkade, Kathleen Kirchner, Gayle Mahoney, Pam Malone, Carol Nussbaum, Michael Nwogugu, Mary Alice Orito, Chas Palminteri, Haeree Park, Arthur Paxton, Marisa Picardo, Bonita Reed, Tom Shagass, Dorit Shmuel, Joan Speare, Coleen Tyler, Glenn Wright, Becky Yazdan, Tony Zaza

**About the Curator**

Pamela Moore is a painter/photographer and mixed media artist. Her work is a synthesis of diverse mediums and methods, combining painting, monoprinting, etching, photography, and collage. Her work is in many permanent collections, including the Smithsonian Institution, Lincoln Center, Hofstra University Museum, PepsiCo, Alleghany Corp., and John Wiley & Sons. Ms. Ms. Moore has shown extensively in New York, Holland, Germany, and Japan.

**About Studio Montclair**

Studio Montclair Inc. is a non-profit organization of exhibiting professional and emerging artists and others interested in the visual arts. In the past year, it has exhibited more than 280 works of art and has encouraged and interacted with close to 1,000 artists.

**Listing Information for the Exhibition**

**Curator:** Pamela Moore

**Exhibition Dates:** October 13, 2017 – December 15, 2017

**Gallery:** Academy Square Galleries, 33 Plymouth Street, Montclair, NJ

**Gallery Hours:** Monday to Friday 7am-7pm

**Opening Reception:** Friday, October 20, 6-9pm

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**Images for Press:**

Bette Blank, *Chair in Michael's House*, oil on linen, 20" x 20"

Joseph Borzotta, *Ragazza in Italia*, acrylic on canvas, 20" x 20"

Dorit Shmuel, *Untitled #4*, acrylic on wood panel, 20" x 20"

Becky Yazdan, *Great Divide*, oil on linen on panel, 20" x 20"