

Studio Montclair presents “By Chance,” an exhibition at the Montclair Public Library Gallery, 50 S. Fullerton Ave., Montclair, NJ

April 3 – April 29, 2018

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Montclair, NJ (March, 2018) – Studio Montclair (SMI) presents the exhibit, “By Chance” to run from April 3 through April 29, 2018, at the Montclair Public Library Gallery, 50 S. Fullerton Ave., Montclair, NJ. An opening reception will be held at the library on Monday, April 9, 2018 from 6:30 to 8pm.

The show features work in a variety of visual media in which chance played a major role in the creative process, inspiring the artist to examine their work in a new way or take a different approach moving forward. Explains curator Matt Roberts, “Artists often fall ‘victim’ to mishaps and random occurrences, whether it’s spilling something on the canvas they are working on or failing to set their camera’s exposure speed properly. For all of the artists in the show, ‘mistakes’ were not a message to start over; rather, they provided a starting off point – an impetus to a new direction and a new fusion of energy into the work.”

Participating Artists

Linda Aldrich, Danielle Cartier, Trish Classe Gianakis, Leslie Connito, Stephanie Cortazzo, Elizabeth DeMarco, Theresa DeSalvio, Andrea Epstein, Leslie Ford, Emily Gilman Beezley, Michelle Harpster, Daniel Hughes, Jeannine Hunter Lazzaro, Marquise James, Ann Kraus, Rachael Krehel, Lisa Madson, Larry McKim, Paul Nisenson, Arthur Paxton, Katharine Philip, Sima Schloss, Douglas Smith, RoByn Thompson, Coleen Tyler, Ashley Warner, Andrew Wohl, Tony Zaza

About the Curator

Matt Roberts is a New Jersey-based photographer and collage artist who has been active in photography since the 1970s. He studied photography in the MFA program at Pratt Institute. A two-time recipient of Fellowships from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, his work has been shown in a wide range of venues in New Jersey, as well as in group shows in galleries in New York City, Boston, Vermont, Colorado, and Oregon. He recently retired from a 35+ year career as a marketing executive in the magazine industry, including positions at The New Yorker, Vogue, GQ, House Beautiful, and others.

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: Matt Roberts

Exhibition Dates: April 3, 2018 – April 29, 2018

Reception Date & Time: Monday, April 9, 6:30 to 8pm.

Panel Discussion will be from 7:30 – 8:30pm

Gallery: The Montclair Public Library Gallery, 50 S. Fullerton Ave., Montclair, NJ

Gallery Hours: Monday to Thursday, 10am – 8pm, Friday and Saturday, 10am – 6pm, Sunday 1 – 6pm

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Images for Press:

Arthur Paxton, *Orchid Origins*, selenium-toned silver print, 20" x 20"

Trish Classe Gianakis, *Split*, ceramic RAKU fired, wood and wire, 22" x 25"

Jeanine Hunter Lazzaro, *Abstraction Blue Swoosh*, collage, 14" x 11"

Larry McKim, *Rear View Mirror*, painted collage, 12" x 12"

Elizabeth DeMarco, *Third Prize*, acrylic paint and fabric on board, 24"x 24"