**STUDIO MONTCLAIR PRESENTS**

**“VIEWPOINTS 2024: YOUR ONE WILD AND PRECIOUS LIFE”**

**AN EXHIBITION AT STUDIO MONTCLAIR’S LEACH GALLERY**

**April 26 to June 7, 2024**

**Juror: Sally Morgan Lehman**

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Montclair, NJ, (April, 2024) – Studio Montclair is delighted to announce one of its largest and most distinguished exhibits: The 27th Annual Open Juried Exhibition, “Viewpoints 2024.” The show will be on view from April 26 to June 7 at Studio Montclair’s Leach Gallery*,* 641 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, NJ. The opening reception and announcement of cash awards will take place on Friday, April 26, from 6 to 8pm.

Displaying the work of 66 exceptional artists, the show reflects the exhibit’s theme, “Your One Wild and Precious Life,” by challenging traditional notions of time and revealing the profound in the ordinary. According to Juror Sally Morgan Lehman, “It presents a diverse range of artistic styles, from glowing landscapes to elegant abstractions and candid portraits, all seamlessly united by the theme of capturing the transient.” In addition, viewers will experience an exposition of artistic mediums including painting, sculpture, mixed media, ceramics, works on paper, photographs, prints, and more.

Says Lehman, the exhibit is “a testament to the artist's keen eye for detail and their ability to capture the profound in the ordinary. From the delicate dance of sunlight through leaves to the stolen glances of passersby, each image is a visual poetry that immortalizes the ephemeral natural beauty, mundanity and profound humanity that surround us…[It] seeks to challenge conventional perceptions of time and invites spectators to explore the depth of emotion encapsulated in each fleeting moment. Living in this world of constant movement and change, where moments pass us by in the blink of an eye, these images invite the audience to pause, reflect, and find solace in the beauty of fleeting moments that might otherwise be overlooked.”

**About the Juror:**

Sally Morgan Lehman is the founder and director of Morgan Lehman Gallery, a contemporary art gallery based in Chelsea, New York City, since 2005. Ms. Lehman has

a diverse background in the visual arts, which includes museum education, exhibitions design, state and citywide public art placement, along with private and corporate collections management. She has served as a visiting critic and juror at Wave Hill, Guttenberg Arts, the Wassaic Project and the Hunter MFA program, and offers extensive art advisory services to curators, art consultants, designers and corporate and private collectors. She currently teaches Professional Practice for Visual Artists at Montclair State University and has presented regularly on the subject to students at Boston University, FIT, William Paterson University, and The Art Students League. Ms. Lehman is an active member of Art Table, POWArts and NADA.

**Participating Artists**:

Stephen Adubato, Linda Aldrich, Scott Altmann, Pooja Bakri, Christine Barney,

Joanne Baxter, Debra Bernath, Oksana Berzinsh, Laura Bethmann, Beth Blake,

Lindy Blanchard, Janet Boltax, Joseph Borzotta, Domenica Brockman, Tim Daly,

Alison Deas, Sandra Farina, Joyce Fielder, Renee Folzenlogen, C Ford, Terri Fridkin,

Karen Goldberg, Marion Grant, John Gummere, Chanda Hall, Laurie Harden,

Susan Hensel, Kevin Hinkle, Caroline Hoskin, Linda Jacobs, Colleen James, Paul Jervis,

Erin Karp, Shoshana Kertesz, Tony Khawam, Yoomee Ko, Andrea Kornbluth, Erin Kuhn, Sonia Kumar, Aimee Lally, Joshua Lopez, Joanna Madloch, Jennifer Malone, Pam Malone, Stephen March, Paul Mordetsky, Deborah Morris, Jennifer Anne Moses, Mollie Murphy, Richard O'Brien, Denis Orloff, Daniel ailes-Friedman, William Pew, Gail Postal,

Sherry Rossini, Gale Rothstein, Paul Santo, Susan Sinek, Stella Sormani, Taylor Stoneman, Doug Testa, Maria Valdivia, Shirley Wallitsch, Victoria Webb, Zugeiy Yepez, Niesha Ziehmke

**Listing Information for the Exhibition:**

**Exhibition Dates:** April 23 to June 7, 2024

**Gallery:** SMI Leach Gallery, 641 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair, NJ **Gallery Hours:** Please check our website for gallery hours
**Opening Reception:** Friday, April 26, 6 - 8pm **Studio Montclair Contact Info:**  smi@studiomontclair.org, 862-500-1447

**About Studio Montclair:** Studio Montclair is a nonprofit organization of exhibiting professional artists and others interested in the visual arts. Its mission is to promote culture and education in the visual arts and encourage emerging artists. Founded in 1997, the organization includes over 450 members including artists from around the United States, as well as Europe and Asia. For more information, contact smi@studiomontclair.org, or call 862-500-1447.

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