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Beyond Baroque Mike Kelly Gallery
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Exhibition:
7x7.LA: Selected Artist & Writer Collaborations

Dates:
Opening: January 29th, 2022: Reception: 5 - 7 pm. Reading 7:30 pm.
Reading and Roundtable Discussion: February 18th, 2022, 8 pm.
Closing: March 19th, 2022. Reception: 5 - 7 pm. Reading: 7:30 pm.

Beyond Baroque’s Mike Kelley Gallery presents 7x7.LA: Selected Artist & Writer Collaborations, an exhibition highlighting the online magazine 7x7.LA's (http://7x7.la/) stunning series of interdisciplinary collaborations between writers and artists. Each 7x7 collaboration invites one visual artist and one writer to engage in a two-week creative conversation. The format, inspired by Surrealist games of the early 20th century, challenges participants to improvise, in their respective disciplines, a spontaneous story that pushes into ever-wilder imaginative terrain. Every finished 7×7 is singular, unclassifiable, and wholly original. Since it launched in 2015, the magazine has published over 160 original collaborations between artists and writers.

Opening on January 29th, 2022, 7x7.LA: Selected Artist & Writer Collaborations includes an exhibition and reading series featuring a selection of 7x7 collaborations drawn from 7x7.LA’s extraordinary output.

The exhibition will feature collaborations by:

Holly Elander (artist) x Kij Johnson (writer)
Stephanie J. Ryan (artist) x Kathy Fish (writer)
Rochelle Botello (artist) x Deirdre Danklin (writer)
Lorraine Bubar (artist) x Silvia Park (writer)
Corinne Chaix (artist) x Jasper Nighthawk (writer)
Ned Evans (artist) x Ashaki M. Jackson (writer)
Literary Events
Coinciding with the exhibition will be three nights of in-person readings and conversations featuring 7x7 contributors.

January 29th:
The exhibition’s opening will feature readings by Katya Apekina, Ilana Masad, Lisa Teasley, Lisa Locascio, and others TBA.

February 18th:
Poet Ashaki M. Jackson and writer Jasper Nighthawk will read, and will be joined in conversations by their respective 7x7 collaborators, artists Ned Evans and Corinne Chaix.

March 19th, 2022:
The exhibition’s closing receptions will feature readings by David Ulin, Wendy C. Ortiz, and others TBA.

A print anthology / exhibition catalogue, 7x7 Volume 1, will be published to coincide with the exhibition and will be made available for purchase.

About Beyond Baroque & the Mike Kelley Gallery
Located in the old Venice City Hall in the heart of Venice, Beyond Baroque Literary Arts Center is a nonprofit literary space, bookstore, theater, public garden, and art gallery. Since 1968, its programs have shaped the literary and artistic legacy of Los Angeles by nurturing generations of poets, writers, and artists through the Center’s writing workshops, reading and performance series, and art exhibitions.

Established in honor of the groundbreaking artist and Beyond Baroque alumni Mike Kelley, the Mike Kelley Gallery at Beyond Baroque showcases emerging and world-renowned artists, with an emphasis on the intersection of the literary and visual arts.

For more information about 7x7.LA: Selected Artist & Writer Collaborations please contact the gallery (info@beyondbaroque.org) or Axel Wilhite (axel.wilhite@gmail.com)