

# Beyond Baroque

## Literary/Arts Center

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Beyond Baroque Mike Kelly Gallery  
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Exhibition:

***7x7.LA: Selected Artist & Writer Collaborations***

Dates:

**Opening: March 19, 2022. Reception: 4 - 7 pm. Reading: 7:00 pm.**

**Reading and Roundtable: April 16. Reading: 7:00 pm.**

**Closing: May 7, 2022. Reception: 4 - 7 pm. Reading: 7:00 pm.**



Artwork by Corinne Chaix

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 7x7 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 March 19, 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)



Artwork by Holly Elander



Artwork by Lorraine Bubar



Artwork by Ned Evans



Artwork by Stephanie J. Ryan



Artwork by Rochelle Botello

## Literary Events

Coinciding with the exhibition will be three nights of in-person readings and conversations featuring 7x7 contributors.

March 19, 2022:

The exhibition's opening will feature readings by Deenah Vollmer, Deirdre Danklin and Lisa Teasley.

April 16, 2022:

Poet Ashaki M. Jackson, Jasper Nighthawk, Ned Evans and Corinne Chaix.

May 7, 2022:

The exhibition's closing receptions will feature readings by Lisa Locascio, David Ulin, Ilana Masad, Katya Apekina, Silvia Park and Kathy Fish.

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)