20 Years Under the Influence of Juxtapoz

Guest Curators: Andrew Hosner (Thinkspace) & Gary Pressman (Copro Gallery)

February 22nd - April 19th, 2015

Invitation Only Reception: Saturday, February 21st from 6-11PM

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Public First View: Sunday, February 22nd 2-5PM

On view: Sunday, February 22nd – April 19th, 2015 Gallery Hours 12-5PM, Thursday – Sunday

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING:

Saturday, March 14th 2PM: Curator / Juxtapoz Talk (with Andrew Hosner, Gary Pressman, Greg Escalante, Robert Williams, Suzanne Williams, Gwynn Vitello, Evan Pricco, and Jeff Soto)

(Los Angeles) - The Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery and *Juxtapoz* magazine are pleased to present *20 Years Under the Influence of Juxtapoz*, a group exhibition to commemorate two decades of the magazine's influential contribution to contemporary art and culture. On view at the Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, and curated by Andrew Hosner of Thinkspace Gallery and Gary Pressman of Copro Gallery, the exhibition features close to one hundred artists who have graced the publication's pages and website, and showcases the diversity and breadth of the New Contemporary movement *Juxtapoz* has championed and helped to uphold.

In 1994 in San Francisco, Robert Williams, Craig Stecyk, Greg Escalante, Eric Swenson and Fausto Vitello founded *Juxtapoz* with the intent of fostering the art and culture of the underground. Providing an alternative voice and narrative as a counterpart to the dominant New York-centric discourse of contemporary art, it featured artists who straddled "high" and "low" culture. Aligning itself with the aesthetics of contemporary street culture, figurative art, California car culture, gig posters, tattoos, graphics, psychedelia and comics, the publication became a conduit and forum for an entirely new generation of artists who were latching on to the visual vernacular of powerfully populist themes. At a time when representational forms of art were widely disparaged by the reigning critical discourse of the art world, a discourse which championed hyper-conceptual and minimalist dogmas, *Juxtapoz* provided a mouth piece for the New Contemporary movement. Fluid rather than prescriptive, this movement has many monikers but is united by an ethos. The expressive possibilities afforded by figurative or representational work came to the fore, and a democratic sensibility was unleashed.

What once began as an alternative magazine is now the most widely disseminated art publication in the world. Predicated on the rejection of the artificial boundaries that consecrated "high", *Juxtapoz* effectively broke down walls to allow young artists a chance at their own history. It is also an ideal that attests to the power of making accessible art about shared cultural experiences, identities and aesthetics.

The artists featured in this exhibition have been chosen based for their impact on the movement, and on how they themselves have been motivated by such an abundance of inspiration. With access to this imagery and community, new and multifaceted generations of artists continue to emerge from the ranks. Avenues made possible by *Juxtapoz*, through its wide variety of featured media and expressions, have shaped this aesthetic and preserves its trajectory as far as the imagination will allow.

Full lineup of participating artists in 20 Years Under the Influence of Juxtapoz:

Aaron Horkey	Andrew Hem	Bezt	C215
Aaron Nagel	Andrew Schoultz	Billy Norrby	Candice Tripp
Adam Caldwell	Andy Kehoe	Brendan Monroe	Chet Zar
Adam Miller	Anthony Ausgang	Brett Amory	Chris Mars
Alex Yanes	Aron Wiesenfeld	Brian M. Viveros	Christine Wu
Amy Sol	Audrey Kawasaki	bumblebeelovesyou	CR Stecyk

Cryptik Jeff Ramirez Curiot Jeff Soto Dabs Myla Jeremy Fish Dan Quintana Jim Houser Dave MacDowell Joanne Nam David Cooley Joao Ruas David Molesky Joe Sorren **EINE** Joe Vaux Elizabeth McGrath John Brophy Eric Fortune Jon Swihart Erik Jones Joram Roukes Ernest Zacharevic Josh Keves Esao Andrews Kazu Tsuji Femke Hiemstra Kevin Peterson Fuco Ueda Kikyz 1313 Glenn Barr Know Hope Heidi Tailifer Kozyndan Henrik Aa. Uldalen Kris Kuksi Jacub Gagnon KuKula James Marshall Kwon Kyung-yup

Low Bros Luke Chueh Luke Hillestad Marco Mazzoni Margaret Keane Mark Dean Veca Mark Garro Mark Ryden Matt Dangler Michael Hussar Mike Davis Miss Van Naoto Hattori Natalia Fabia Niagara Nick Sheehy Nicola Verlato Nikko Hurtado Nosego

Linnea Strid

Rob Sato Robert S. Connett Ryan Heshka Sainer Sandra Chevrier Scott Radke Sergio Garcia Seth Armstrong Shag (Josh Agle) Shepard Fairey Tara McPherson Tran Nguyen Tristan Eaton Troy Coulterman Word To Mother Yoko d'Holbachie Yosuke Ueno

Odd Nerdrum

Peter Ferguson

This exhibition is sponsored in part by the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs and the Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery. The LAMAG is located within the beautiful Barnsdall Park at 4800 Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles, California. To contact the gallery please call 323.644.6269. Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday from Noon to 5PM. For special tours and school groups, please contact Marta Feinstein at met marta@sbcglobal.net or to arrange special adult tours, please contact Gabe Cifarelli at Gabriel.cifarelli@gmail.com - visit LAMAG on the web at www.lamag.org