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Pushing ForwardKingston Associates:

Jamie Bowman, Steven Cabral, Anthony Falcetta, Jane Lincoln, Brian Littlefield, Rachel Mello, Rachel Sevanich, Rachel Thern, Anne Sargent Walker

January 3 - 27, 2019

Opening Reception: January 4, 5-8pm

SOUTH END BOSTON, MA (November 20, 2018) – To make art involves a push: tools on surfaces, hands on materials, minds on ideas. As artists we push into next steps and unknown territory, we push against deadlines and push ourselves to make a thing we haven't seen before, then push to bring it forward to be seen by others. With these concepts in mind, the Kingston Associates present Pushing Forward on view January 3 – 27, 2019 with a SoWa First Fridays opening reception on Friday, January 4, 5–8pm. Kingston Associates are members of Kingston Gallery who meet regularly throughout the year, extending the breadth of the gallery community through meaningful engagement and contributing to the exhibition season with high–quality contemporary art and their annual group theme–based exhibition. Associates exhibiting in *Pushing Forward* include: Jamie Bowman, Steven Cabral, Anthony Falcetta, Jane Lincoln, Brian Littlefield, Rachel Mello, Rachel Sevanich, Rachel Thern, and Anne Sargent Walker. *Pushing Forward* follows the 2018 Associates exhibition by a mere six months and is a dynamic presentation of new works full of vibrant color, energy, lines and angles, holes, ragged edges, but mostly, beautiful colors; a much needed antidote to the monochromatic world of the New England winter.

The work in *Pushing Forward* presents a range of media displaying the unique creative process of each of the nine exhibiting artists and represents their energy as the new year begins. The artists are exploring, discovering, responding, and transmitting thoughts onto paper, canvas, and into the gallery space. Experiencing these works, viewers feel how "push" can be sustained as a resistance against pressure, whether from our own lives or from the wider world with its

always-breaking news. The action of pushing can be explosive, a force opening up potential in a process that has stalled. It can be curious; lifting corners, investigating edges, quietly determined to find something of value. Things can be pushed together to make something better, newer, stranger or pushed apart to reveal what is hidden. A push, at its simplest, transmits energy. Make a thing, make a change, make a decision, make another change. The clock is ticking and it moves in one direction, so push on, push ahead, find a way to stay in motion. Pushing forward can be exhausting. It can also be exhilarating.

The accolades of current Associates include: Jane Lincoln's awards in the Faber Birren National Color Award Show, and her inclusion in Studio Visit Magazine and the Art in America Guide, Rachel Sevanich received the Constantin Alajalov Scholarship and the MFA Alumni Award while at Boston University, and Anne Sargent Walker is the recipient of a Berkshire Taconic Foundation Artist's Resource Trust Grant.

An artist-run gallery incorporated in 1982, Kingston Gallery exhibits work of Boston-area contemporary artists. Gallery Artists specialize in a diverse range of media, including painting, photography, sculpture, and installation. Kingston Gallery exhibitions are widely viewed and receive regular attention in both print and online publications including *Art in America, Art New England, ArtScope, The Boston Globe*, and *Big Red & Shiny*. Gallery hours are Wednesday–Sunday 12–5 pm and by appointment.

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