Too Hot!

A Group Juried Exhibition at Kingston Gallery On View July 3–August 11, 2024

In the Main Gallery, Center Gallery, and Project Space Gallery Opening Reception Friday, July 5, 5–8 PM

Exhibition Preview

SOUTH END, BOSTON, MA (April 15, 2024) – A world on fire. The heat of passion. Who's hot, who's not. Overheated rhetoric. This summer Kingston Gallery will present <u>Too Hot!</u>, a juried exhibition featuring 31 artists that respond to the overheated intensity of the world through works that are intensely serious, garishly vibrant, and darkly humorous.

Too Hot!, which will run from July 3–August 11, 2024, is curated by Jessica Roscio, Museum Director and Curator at Danforth Art Museum in Framingham, MA.

Over the centuries, artists have described both the suffering and the beauty of their worlds, depicted and defined issues that were too hot to touch or used their art as an antidote, to offer connection and healing, or provide respite from the fires raging around them. This moment is no different.

From Jessica Roscio: "Too Hot! is a discomfitingly relevant topic and the artworks submitted pointedly reflect the turbulence and anxiety of our times. The works in <u>Too Hot!</u> don't give the viewer much space to breathe, and perhaps we need that feeling of urgency. Pieces in a range of media reference topics such as war, violence, identity politics, reproductive rights, climate change, and how the constant barrage of news about these hot button topics batters our collective psyches. These are sobering topics interpreted in many different ways; I appreciate both the subtlety and blatancy that will burn brightly in Kingston Gallery this summer."

Join us for an opening reception on Friday, July 5 from 5–8 PM. Public programming will be announced closer to the opening of the exhibition.

Participating artists
John C. Anderson
Pamela Bower-Basso
Anne Beinecke
Jenna Billian
Thierry Borcy

Douglas Breault
Krystle Browne
Kyle Browne
Jaina Cipriano
Anamarie Edwards
Cristina Hajosy

Martha Heller Ryan Horton Jessie James Corey Jonze John Judge Sasha Knittel



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Matthew McKee
Lisa Nelson
Ponnapa Prakkamakul
Beverly Rippel

Jessica Saab Bonnie Sennott Adrienne Sloane Tyler Sorgman Elaine Spatz-Rabinowitz Sharon Stanczak Bekka Teerlink Grace (Gray) Winburne Antoinette Winters

Jessica Roscio joined the Danforth Art Museum in 2011, was appointed Curator in 2015, and Director in 2020. She specializes in exhibitions of contemporary, regional artists, working in all media. Prior to the Danforth, Jessica held positions at the National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C., and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. She is a regular contributor to Aspect Initiative, an online gallery focusing on contemporary photography in New England. Jessica has an MA in Art History from the University at Buffalo and a Ph.D. in American Studies, with a focus on the History of Photography, from Boston University.

For press inquiries, please contact **Chloe Tomasetta**, Kingston Gallery Manager.

Kingston Gallery is a distinguished Artist-Cooperative gallery, founded in 1982. The gallery exhibits the work of notable Boston-area contemporary artists, and features a diverse range of media, including painting, photography, sculpture, and installation. Located in the SoWa arts district in the South End, exhibitions are free and open to the public.

