

## About “Our Summer of Love and Resistance”

*a group exhibition of Bay Area artists on view July 8 to August 26, with a reception Saturday July 15.*

Avenue 12 Gallery’s *Our Summer of Our Love and Resistance* exhibition evolved out of a desire to combine the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Summer of Love with the current political climate. To not just look back; but to look forward. Bay Area Artists were invited to express their response visually. The submissions ranged from fearful to hopeful, whimsical to brutal, intellectual to visceral.

Christopher Mangum meditated on his personal demons in “Fears”, while Abigail Drapkin chose to “Float” above it all. Nathalie Fabri paid homage to the Women’s March with neon hues, while Paul Ransohoff exposed the horrors of Aleppo. Jenny E. Balisle and Philip Long focused on the (mis)usage of words, while Deirdre Weinberg just screamed. Joseph Murdach is concerned with fighting back and re-creation, while Jeff Peterson’s “Let’s Dance” offers respite. Ransom and Mitchell “Want You to Resist...Tyranny”.

We are proud to provide a place where Bay Area artists can connect with the community with this exhibit showing their work in response to the current political environment, and resist the elevated levels of hatred, violence, and policies that harm individuals and the environment. As was true of the 60’s, it is our belief that now (as always) is the time for art to provide an emotional release, the energy to move dialogue forward, and to provide a sense of meaning to struggle.

Artists include: Jenny E. Balisle, Abigail Drapkin, Nathalie Fabri, Philip Long, Christopher Mangum, Joseph Murdach, Jeff Petersen, Ransom & Mitchell, Doug Rhodes, Sharon Steuer, Paul Ransohoff, Deirdre Weinberg. With additional work by Rafael Tapias III, Eric Broers, and Mike Lynch.