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Our Joy Is Resistance

brings together a collection of contemporary artists whose work fosters an insistence on wonder, expanding the mind and nurturing the spirit.

Everyone deserves the pleasure of leisure, the permission to explore joy, and the radical act of simply being present with something beautiful.

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A LETTER
FROM THE
CURATOR

In the months leading up to show launch, I found myself deeply reflective on the persistence of wonder, its place in my life, and in the communities and spaces around me here in Los Angeles. What began as a fervorous practice of seeking out joy, then cultivated an appreciation within me for the sublime, and has now led me to the deeply rooted belief that we must bear our souls to the world around us to truly awake.

Through *Our Joy Is Resistance* I aimed to explore an editorial approach to my own creative manifestations, bringing together a collection of contemporary artists whose works reflect a practice of sincerity. Recurring themes you'll find throughout the show surround duality, expansion, possibility, and a desire to find meaning in all moments, great and small.

The show at times aims to provoke, tease, and challenge its viewer's expectations of how to define joy, and where and who is afforded it. Here you will find the meeting of artists connected by an intangible thread of insistent wonder.

In a cultural moment too quickly defined by crisis and diminishment, these artists' aesthetic investigations of design radically foster an insistence on pleasure, playfulness and compassion. As it goes, lineage shapes my entrypoint to all things. Personal histories and the people I come from are what make life vibrant and meaningful. Thank you to those who have held me and lifted me up each step of the way.



OFFERING II
KRYSTAL CHANG

Stoneware, iron oxide
12" x 12" x 8"

@krystalchang

LIONES
LIZ IRACKI

Acrylic on Canvas
30" x 30" x 1.5"

@liz_iracki_art



FARMETTE
LAURA NILES

Stainless steel, integrated
planter, removable lid, living
microgreens
28" x 28 x 31"

@lauraniles

A DREAM WORTH FIGHTING FOR
LUIS MIGUEL ANAYA

Oil on canvas
40" x 30"

@luismanaya



BACKGAMMON WITH YOU.
LESLIE DINKIN, MARCI DINKIN

Stoneware, glaze and
underglaze
9.5" x 11.5"

@dink.nation

EARTHLY REFLECTIONS
MEG JORGENSON

Bundle dye and oil on silk
stretched over canvas
36" x 42"

@megjorgenson

