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Y:ART GALLERY & FINE GIFTS



Donald Edwards



Nieves Saah



Jo Brown

THE SPRING SHOW

6 April - 14 May, 2016

Y:Art Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of our fourth exhibition, *The Spring Show*; a group exhibition featuring painters Nieves Saah and Jo Brown with sculptor Donald Edwards. The opening reception will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2016, 6pm-9pm.

As winter fades away, we as a society slowly rise out of hibernation and begin to reintroduce ourselves into the world of Spring. Slowly but surely, the colors of warmer weather emerge around us. As we shed off our coats, we are reminded of what we've missed during the cold months: the toasty, warm hues of the sun, the calming effects of the sea, and a bright, insatiable desire to learn and reinvent.

Hailing from the Basque Country region of Spain, and graduating from The Maryland Institute College of Art in 1982, painter Nieves Saah is a master of color. Using almost exclusively palette knives and spatulas, her richly hued and layered paintings envelope the viewer in an atmosphere that is imaginative yet reflective of Saah's life and travels around the world. One can discover endless elements and stories strewn throughout her compositions. Beings, objects and sites emerge in surprising ways; forcing the viewer to experience a brilliant and adventurous macrocosm.

Donald Edwards is an artist and self-proclaimed hoarder that has shown extensively in the U.S.. Living in Baltimore, Edwards has scoured the city's thrift stores, yard sales and dumpsters to find materials that would have otherwise gone to a landfill. In *The Spring Show*, Edwards presents a group of sculptures made entirely of so-called 'junk.' In these works, simple materials

take on new meanings and trash reemerges as treasure. What was once a jumble of buttons, plastic dolls and a hair brush is now an inquisitive figurine. A wad of cording, dials and an electric plug is an alert rooster. At the core of reinvention, Edwards makes us question the consumer culture we've become accustomed to.

Abstract-realist Jo Brown is no stranger to beautiful environments. Influenced by artists ranging from Mark Rothko to Frederick Kensett to Dutch seascape painters, Brown decisively chooses to paint out-of-doors, even in the most inclement weather. Educated in the fine arts at Yale University, in sculpture, photography, and painting, as a landscape painter she nonetheless is entirely self-taught. Brown's brilliant light, sensitive palette, and photographic clarity urge us to see the world with new eyes, and find peace and beauty in the ordinary.

Y:ART Gallery & Fine Gifts is a labor of love, brought to life by Julia Yensho on October 10th, 2015. The gallery features the best and brightest artists Baltimore has to offer. In addition to the gallery, Y:ART also features a store with unique gifts handcrafted by local artists and crafters. This unique space is open for artist showings and workshops, and the gallery is also available as a venue for private social gatherings. Our open hours are Wednesday-Saturday, 12pm-5pm.

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