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JOHN FERGUSON & KIM PARR EXHIBITION

9 MAY — 16 JUNE, 2018

Y:ART Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of its twentieth exhibition, featuring the elegant simplicity of John Ferguson's sculptures and the modern landscapes of Kim Parr's paintings. The opening reception will be held Saturday, May 12th, 2018 from 6pm-9pm.

This exhibit ponders the work of two artists who explore different sides of contemporary reality. The juxtaposition of their unique styles exposes their shared study of forms both organic & manufactured and the evolving landscape of present-day society. While Parr is commenting through her art on the conflict between changes brought on by development and a disappearing ecosystem, Ferguson is using strong, rigid materials to create flowing, naturalistic forms to reintroduce beauty and grace into the landscape. This exhibition is an illustration of the power of minimalism.

About the Artists

John Ferguson creates beautiful and unique large scale sculptures made from steel, silicon bronze, and or Cor-Ten steel. Over the years his work has moved gradually in the direction of elegance and simplicity. Heavy, bulbous forms have been replaced by dancing, wing-like forms. The welding process and respect for the qualities of the material are interrelated and affect the final piece. Recently, he has moved from cold-rolled steel to Silicon Bronze and a whole new day has dawned. His striking works of art can be found at many universities, museums and businesses including Academy Art Museum in Easton, MD, Towson University, MICA in Baltimore, BWI-Thurgood Marshall International Airport, Centennial Development Corporation in Vienna, VA, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC and the Perimeter Mall in Atlanta, GA.

Ferguson holds a BFA from the University of Illinois in Chicago, IL, and an MFA from the Rinehart School of Sculpture at the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, MD.

Kim Parr lives and works in the Baltimore Washington metro area as a painter. Her minimalist paintings make you look and reevaluate what you see every day. She has a broad understanding of painting from Renaissance craft to contemporary methods. In her work, the Romantic belief of divinity found in nature meets the reality of progress found in consumption. Much of Kim's personal work focuses on landscape and can be classified as realism. Issues of space, light and weather can be found in her paintings and drawings. She is a recipient of a Franz Bader Fund grant for this work. In addition, Kim uses a wide skill set to work on custom paintings that vary in style and size depending on specific needs of each client. The scope of these commissions has Kim producing scenic murals encompassing an entire room, abstract paintings, and paintings with art historical references. Her work is in several private collections including Nancy Dorman and Stanley Mazeroff, and David and Suzie Cordish and has been exhibited throughout the US and in Berlin..

Parr received an MFA in Painting from Yale University and a BFA in Painting from Maryland Institute College of Art.

Y:ART is a contemporary gallery established in 2015 by Julia Yensho. It Provides a forum for the art and culture of our time by presenting network and ideas through curatorial practice, artist representation, and by encouraging artistic collection. Y:ART Gallery is in the forefront of a new and exciting renaissance in Baltimore's Highlandtown Arts District. The gallery has been responsible for many important solo and group exhibitions that have launched and sustained the careers of featured local and regional artists. Public programming within the gallery consists of artist talks and expert lectures on current exhibitions; all free and open to the public. Y:ART's gallery store features over 70 local and regional artisans who specialize in handcrafted fine art gifts including: jewelry, pottery, glass, wood, textiles and metal work. The walls are covered with extraordinary unique artworks and sculptural pieces that would impress any collector. This unique space is open for artist showings and workshops, and the gallery is also available as a venue for private functions or social gatherings.

For interviews with the artists, and general inquiries, please contact the gallery at 443-928-2272 or yartgallery3402@gmail.com

Our spring hours are Wednesday-Thursday 12pm-6pm and Friday-Saturday 10am-6pm. Beginning April 6, 2018, the gallery will be participating in Highlandtown Arts & Entertainment District's First Friday Art Walk, extended hours until 9pm.

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