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THE FIGURE

APRIL 15 to MAY 16, 2020

The human form is so captivating so why not paint it? Her figure so curvy and graceful so why not sculpt it? Nudes in artwork first appeared during the Hellenistic Age from the death of Alexander the Great in 323 B.C. to the middle of the first century B.C. These nudes were regarded as vessels carrying the Holy Spirit. From Michelangelo to Pablo Picasso, artists throughout history have scrutinized the beauty and complexity of the human form. Today, creative minds continue this examination and choose from a wide range of mediums and

materials to best "bring to life" their portrayals. Y:ART Gallery is pleased to present THE FIGURE, an exhibition of paintings, photography, and sculpture that explore personal interpretations of the human form by artists, Daniel Brown, Donna Feldman Davis, and Josh Nozick.

The Opening Reception will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 6-9pm, with an opportunity to meet each artist. To learn more about techniques, material choices, and inspirations, an Artist Talk will be held on Saturday, May 9 from 4-6pm.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

DANIEL BROWN

Daniel Brown is a unique artist specializing in contemporary realism. His creativity is remarkable and his talent uncommon. He exhibits in the Baltimore-Washington area and has work in both private and corporate collections. Whether he's painting, drawing, or threading a needle, every inch of his compositions are thoughtfully considered and finely detailed. Like a storyteller, the content of Daniel's work often provides the viewer a glimpse into a soul and a strong desire to know more.

Daniel was born in Chestertown, Maryland and was raised in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. He completed the foundation program at Maryland Institute College of Art and designed at Kensington Glass Arts before heading overseas to continue his studies at the Crawford College of Art and Design in Cork, Ireland. Today, Daniel works out of his city studio in Patterson Park.

DONNA FELDMAN DAVIS

Donna Feldman Davis is a female art photographer who can skillfully capture the exquisite form of a woman. Often, she juxtaposes her models in or around objects that compliment and glorify their shape. Donna's compositions are original, striking, thought-provoking, and occasionally haunting. An exquisite

photographer, her work is both artistic and editorial. She is a master at creating beauty!

Donna's state-of-the-art studio in Baltimore is the perfect setting for her to fulfill her passion to create art. It provides privacy and ample space to generate unconventional harmonious arrangements in collaboration with her models. In 2012, Donna won The Eros Awards First Place: Non-Professional - Portrait & Editorial and 2nd Place: Non-Professional - Portrait & Editorial.

JOSH NOZICK

Just as we say no two figures are alike, no two artists are either, and Josh Nozick demonstrates this better than most. He is an original thinker who approaches the human form unconventionally. A true craftsman, he fashions life-sized figures, busts, and heads using wood with mixed media. Second, only to the life model, his sculptures can often be found in Donna Feldman Davis's compositions where they assist to anchor the photograph and provide a landscape for the model.

Josh has over 30 years of woodworking experience and owns FreeState Timbers in Timonium, Maryland. His breathtaking knowledge of timber coupled with the talented hands of a craftsman make him a go-to resource. When the National Gallery of Art needed historically accurate material to frame their masterpieces, they called Josh.

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.

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