

Waterlines

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A group exhibition presenting unique interpretations of meaning and relationship with the Earth's most essential resource.

Starting October 6, 2017 and on view through March 18, 2018, New Museum Los Gatos (NUMU) presents Waterlines, an art exhibition that delves into our deep connection with one of Earth's most important elements.

Californians often think and talk about water. Both in its abundance and scarcity, this essential natural resource is part of our collective consciousness.

Our concern for water manifests in our technological innovations, our public policy and our creativity. Even the name of our region, Bay Area, expresses our geographic connection to water and informs our community identity.

Through the art of sixteen artists, working in diverse media including drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, installations and sound, Waterlines presents unique interpretations of meaning and relationship with water. Exhibiting artists include: Judith Belzer, Barbara Boissevain, Marie Cameron, Matthew Chase-Daniel, Christel Dillbohner, Linda Gass, Nancy Genn, Liz Hickok, Theodora Varnay Jones, Pantea Karimi, Cheryl E. Leonard, Danae Mattes, Marsha McDonald, Klea McKenna, Ryan M. Reynolds and Linda Simmel.

Curator Marianne McGrath explains, "Water has been the subject of many exhibitions and with Waterlines, NUMU aims to contribute to the conversation about this vital resource. Along with being a basic need for all life, water is a source of pleasure, it is exalted in religion, and throughout history it has been a route for trade and travel. In every way we understand water, artists offer us new ways to explore its meaning and substance."

NUMU is presenting a variety of related programs and workshops, and a water innovation interactive. Check the NUMU website for details.



Christel Dillbohner. Frozen in Time, 2012-14, Oil, cold wax on linen, 55" x 72", Courtesy of Don Soker Contemporary Art, SF



Klea McKenna, Rain Study (Kona #29), 2014, Unique gelatin silver photogram of rain, 24" x 20", Courtesy of the Artist and Euqinom Projects

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New Museum Los Gatos (NUMU), formerly The Museums of Los Gatos founded in 1965, is a public non-profit art and history museum located in the Civic Center Plaza in downtown Los Gatos. NUMU's mission is to engage the community at the intersection of art, history and education through innovative, locally connected and globally relevant exhibitions, programs and experiences. The NUMU Atelier offers classical instruction in painting and drawing. NUMU MakerSpace programs offer weekday, weekend and evening hands-on art instruction for children and adults. Museum hours are Wednesday 1pm-5pm, Thursday 11am-8pm, and Friday through Sunday 11am-5pm. General admission is \$10. Admission for members of the military, seniors and students over 18 years is \$6, and free for members and visitors under 18 years of age.

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Nancy Genn Patagonia #24, 2017 Casein on canvas, 72x36