

# WILLIAM CORDOVA, ZIPORA FRIED, SHEILA HICKS, CAMERON MARTIN, VIK MUNIZ, KAY ROSEN, ERIN SHIRREFF, KARA WALKER

**UN-FAIR** 

February 2 – March 6, 2021

Sikkema Jenkins & Co. presents *Un-Fair*, a seasonal group show featuring work by William Cordova, Zipora Fried, Sheila Hicks, Cameron Martin, Vik Muniz, Kay Rosen, Erin Shirreff, and Kara Walker. Incorporating painting, sculpture, photography and works on paper, this exhibition highlights the diverse creative endeavors and cultural backgrounds of our artists. The majority of work included here is new, produced within the past year, and originally intended for art fairs around the world. While 2020 saw the transformation of such exhibitions into online viewing rooms and other virtual spaces, we are grateful to now be able to show these works in the gallery and offer visitors the incomparable, singular experience of viewing them in person.

William Cordova (b. 1961, Lima, Peru), is interested in the ephemeral visuality of transition and displacement, how objects and perception change and adapt within time and space. Utilizing material such as gold leaf, graphite, and and paint, Cordova represents sacred geometries and galactic structures as vital, interconnected networks of communication, mobility, shelter. creation, spirituality. Recent solo exhibitions include on the lower frequencies I speak 4U, Sikkema Jenkins & Co., NY (2019) and now's the time: narratives of southern alchemy, Pérez Art Museum, Miami, FL (2018). Cordova earned his BFA from The School of the Art Institute, Chicago (1996), and his MFA from Yale University (2004).

Zipora Fried (b. Haifa, Israel) builds her large-scale colored-pencil works stroke by stroke, meticulously imprinting each mark upon the paper. The cumulative effect is of a luminous landscape composed entirely of color, evoking an intricate spectrum of emotionality through methodical, disciplined abstraction. Recent exhibitions include *As the Ground Turns*, Sikkema Jenkins & Co., New York (2019); (wordless) at Small Editions, New York (2017); Late October, On Stellar Rays, New York, NY (2016); and Zipora Fried: Some Things Have Meaning, Others Don't, Marfa Contemporary, Marfa, TX (2015). She studied at the Academy of Applied Arts, Vienna, and currently lives and works in New York.

Sheila Hicks (b.1934, Hastings, NE) received her BFA (1957) and MFA (1959) degrees from the Yale School of Art. She received a Fulbright scholarship in 1957-58 to paint in Chile, where she developed her interest in working with fiber. Her most recent major solo exhibitions include *Thread, Trees, River* at Museum of Applied Arts, Vienna (2020-2021); *Reencuentro*, Museo Chileno de Arte Precolombino, Santiago, Chile (2019), *Sheila Hicks: Seize, Weave Space*, Nasher Sculpture Center, Dallas, TX (2019), and *Sheila Hicks: Campo Abierto (Open Field)*, The Bass, Miami Beach, FL (2019). She currently works in Paris.

Cameron Martin (b. 1970, Seattle, WA) incorporates both traditional and digital methods in his process of drawing and painting, developing a hybrid visual system that negotiates methodical abstraction with improvisational representation. He received his BA from Brown University (1994), and continued his education under the Whitney Independent Study Program (1996). He has exhibited at venues including the Whitney Museum of Art, St Louis Art Museum, Columbus Museum of Art, City Gallery (Wellington, New Zealand), and Tel Aviv Museum. He currently lives and works in Brooklyn.

Vik Muniz (b. 1961, São Paulo, Brazil) is recognized for his photographs of reimagined art historical imagery, created from from a wide variety of materials. His *Surfaces* series continues exploring the space between object and meaning, as the viewer's experience of the physical work of art becomes recontextualized by additional modes of image production and representation. His work has been exhibited in prestigious institutions worldwide, with recent solo exhibitions at the Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA (2018); Belvedere Museum, Vienna, Austria (2018); and Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, Monterrey, Mexico (2017). In 2011, Muniz was named a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador, in recognition of his contributions to education and social development projects in Rio de Janeiro.



Kay Rosen (b. 1943) has been investigating the visual possibilities of language since 1968, when she traded in the academic study of languages for what she describes as her endless inquiry of language-based art. Her work has been described as sculpture, poetry, aarchitecture, and performance, with meaning conveyed by the structure of a word and the formal qualities of letterforms. Major solo exhibitions include a two-venue mid-career survey entitled *Kay Rosen: Li[f]eli[k]e*, curated by Connie Butler and Terry R. Myers at the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art and Otis College of Art Design (1998), and shows at institutions such as Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield, CT; Grazer Kunstverein, Graz, Austria; Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia; and Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA.

Erin Shirreff (b. 1975, Kelowna, British Columbia) produces her vivid cyanotypes through a camera-less photographic printing process, manipulating natural and artificial light to create pattern, form, and shadow. The cyanotypes are then cut, layered, and arranged to form abstract, painterly compositions that complicate the materiality of their own image-making. Shirreff's work is currently on view in *Remainders*, a solo exhibition at the Clark Art Institute, Williamstown, MA. Other major solo exhibitions include *New Work: Erin Shirreff* at the San Franicisco Museum of Modern Art (2019) and *Halves and Wholes* at Kunsthalle Basel (2016). She received her BFA from University of Victoria, British Columbia (1998) and her MFA in Sculpture from Yale University, New Haven, CT (2005).

Hundreds of archival, never-before-seen drawings by Kara Walker (b. 1969, Stockton, CA) will be featured alongside new work in the upcoming solo exhibition *Kara Walker: A Black Hole is Everything a Star Longs to Be*, at the Kunstmuseum Basel (Spring 2021). Walker was most recently selected by the Tate Modern for the 2019 Hyundai Commission, presenting a large-scale public monument entitled *Fons Americanus*. She received her BFA from the Atlanta College of Art (1991) and her MFA from the Rhode Island School of Design (1994).

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# **ENTRY GALLERY (clockwise from left):**

1.



#### Zipora Fried

The Bond of Thought, 2020
Colored pencil on archival museum board 52.5 x 90 inches
133.4 x 228.6 cm
Signed on verso
ZF 18790

2.



#### Sheila Hicks

Compacted Thoughts, 2020 Linen, acrylic, cotton, nylon 16 x 8 inches 40.6 x 20.3 cm SH 19299

3.



#### **Kay Rosen**

Fucking Kings, 2020
Metallic acrylic gouache on watercolor paper 26.625 x 18 inches
67.6 x 45.7 cm
KR 18913

# MAIN GALLERY (clockwise from left):

4.



Erin Shirreff
Blueprint (10.2i.10), 2020
Cyanotype on paper
24 x 18 inches
61 x 45.7 cm
ES 19263

5.



Erin Shirreff
Blueprint (9/10.2i.10), 2020
Cyanotype on paper
24 x 18 inches
61 x 45.7 cm
ES 19262

6.



Erin Shirreff
Blueprint (8/10.2i.10), 2020
Cyanotype on paper
24 x 18 inches
61 x 45.7 cm
ES 19259

7.



Erin Shirreff
Blueprint (8.3i), 2020
Cyanotype on paper
24 x 18 inches
61 x 45.7 cm
ES 19261

8.



# Erin Shirreff Night arcade (blue exposure), 2020 Cyanotype photogram, fabric over panel 80 x 70 inches 203.2 x 177.8 cm ES 19110



#### William Cordova

untitled (vi•raco•chan•go), 2020 Enamel, paper collage, gold leaf on paper 130.25 x 123.5 inches 330.8 x 313.7 cm Signed on verso WC 19229

10.



#### Sheila Hicks

Cord Structure, 1976 Cotton and muslin 31.5 x 39.5 x 3 inches 80 x 100.3 x 7.6 cm SH 19297

11.



# Sheila Hicks

Procope II, 2020 Linen, acrylic, cotton, nylon, wool 16 x 8 inches 40.6 x 20.3 cm SH 19298

12.



#### **Cameron Martin**

Flexor, 2020 Acrylic on canvas 66 x 53 inches 167.6 x 134.6 cm CM 19303

13.



#### **Cameron Martin**

Mr. Mr., 2020 Acrylic on canvas 75 x 60 inches 190.5 x 152.4 cm CM 19132



# Cameron Martin Reticulation, 2019 Permanent marker on paper 10.875 x 8.75 inches 27.6 x 22.2 cm CM 19332

15.



# **Cameron Martin**

Reticulation, 2017
Permanent marker on paper 7 x 5.5 inches
17.8 x 14 cm
CM 19329

16.



#### **Cameron Martin**

Reticulation, 2016
Permanent marker on paper 12 x 9 inches 30.5 x 22.9 cm
CM 19328

17.



# Kara Walker

Untitled, 2002-04 Watercolor, ink, graphite, collage, and cut paper on paper Suite of 24 works on paper: 20 @ 18.125 x 12.125 inches (46 x 30.8 cm), 3 @ 18 x 12 inches (45.7 x 30.5 cm), 1 @ 17.75 x 12 inches (45.1 x 30.5 cm), horizontal and vertical KW 18624

18.



# Kara Walker

Untitled (Head), 2014 Cut paper 9.5 x 6 x 6 inches 24.1 x 15.2 x 15.2 cm

#### **BACK GALLERY A (clockwise from left):**

19.



# Kay Rosen

The Cowardly Coward, 2020 Acrylic gouache on watercolor paper 22.125 x 26.125 inches 56.2 x 66.4 cm KR 18910

20.



#### Kay Rosen

Spectrum, 2020 Acrylic gouache on watercolor paper 24 x 20.75 inches 61 x 52.7 cm KR 18909

21.



# Kay Rosen

Prismism, 2020 Colored pencil on paper 22.125 x 30.125 inches 56.2 x 76.5 cm KR 19171

22.



# Kay Rosen

Topple, 2020 Colored pencil on paper 12 x 18 inches 30.5 x 45.7 cm KR 19172

# **BACK GALLERY B (clockwise from left):**

23.



#### Vik Muniz

Metachrome, (Cut-outs, after Henri Matisse), 2017 Archival inkjet print Set of 6 prints, 32 x 24 inches (81.3 x 61 cm) each (page size) Edition 12 of 25 VM 17026 24.

# Vik Muniz



The Swimming Pool, after Matisse (2), Surfaces, 2020 Mixed media 2 parts: 51 x 111.5 inches (129.5 x 283.2 cm) overall, framed One of a kind VM 19249

25.



# Vik Muniz

Memory of Oceania, after Matisse, Surfaces, 2020 Mixed media 50.125 x 50.125 inches 127.3 x 127.3 cm One of a kind VM 19245