



Living Room
NYC

representing the determined & independent artist



Image: Lisa Noble

REFRIGERATOR POETRY
VISUAL ART ARCHIVE
ONLINE EXHIBITION

WINTER 2024

About the Exhibition

by Perri Neri, Director

Vian Borchert

Lisa Noble

Leslie Ford

Claudio Parentela

Lynette Haggard

Gerri Rachins

Pawel Jezak

Nichole Gronvold-Roller

Refrigerator Poetry Winter 2024 offers a conversation between artists who broadly range in their formal approaches and in the memories they summon. Through subtle connections, eight artists offer eight variations on abstraction, from hard-edge geometry to expressionistic disorder. Wit, charm, and emotional resonance propel their stories, and vivify the places or temporalities that we cannot access in any other way other than through art.

Vian Borchert paints as if it's a cloudy day, but she never forgets the luminescent sun. These charming watercolors call to mind Rilke's letters, specifically the descriptions of landscapes he wrote to Clara Westhoff when they were apart. Operating at the intersection of vision and language, art and technology, and everyday life, **Leslie Ford's** imagination during periods of isolation is significant, as is the exploration of humanity while photographing Victorian flatware. With a commitment to color and pattern, **Lynette Haggard** imagines how the memories embedded in worn fabrics can fold and slip into each other, becoming the material and palette for a new body of work. **Pawel Jezak** expresses a singular moment of human emotion in the juxtaposition of collective narratives of newspaper articles – a visual intervention of consumer culture.

The self-portraiture of **Lisa Noble** takes us straight to an arrangement of facts, thrusting a rhythm of pattern onto canvas – a flowing, vibrating symbolic immediacy. More important is the artist's touch. It is how true memory is ingrained in us and becomes vibrant! **Claudio Parentela's** paintings read more like sketches with an unyielding strangeness of his imagination – a peek into where his mind goes, perhaps how imagination reaches into language. **Gerri Rachins** makes visible the otherwise invisible subjects and their inner lives in her masterly painted abstractions – a spectrum of human emotions including despondency, hope, and empathy.

Nichole Gronvold-Roller's "Gem Series" are highly articulated geometric abstract compositions that force the eye to take its time as it journeys across the surfaces of domestic spaces.

The work of these extraordinary artists share similar elevation of the human spirit through the freedom of form, material, and invention. The curatorial process gifts me with a greater appreciation of the healing powers of art – the self-created narrative and the wisdom of the life story. Thank you to all the artists in this exhibition. I am grateful to know you and to share your art so that we all can conspire to create together in the sunlight.

With love and cosmic optimism always,

Perri Neri

Director of Refrigerator Poetry Visual Art Archive



Vian Borchert

Sunset by the River

2023

Watercolor on archival watercolor paper

9 x 12 inches



Vian Borchert

Sunset, Look Out!

2023

Watercolor on archival watercolor paper

9 x 12 inches



Leslie Ford

make some friends 21

2021

zone plate digital photograph

10 x 8 inches



Leslie Ford

make some friends 13

2021

zone plate digital photograph

10 x 8 inches



Leslie Ford

make some friends 5

2021

zone plate digital photograph

10 x 8 inches



Leslie Ford

cosmic twins 3294-95

2021

zone plate digital photograph

20 x 20 inches



Leslie Ford

cosmic twins 3283-84

2022

zone plate digital photograph

20 x 20 inches



Nichole Gronvold-Roller

Waiting Room

2024

Acrylic on canvas

30 x 30 inches



Nichole Gronvold-Roller

Sycamore

2024

Acrylic on canvas

30 x 30 inches



Nichole Gronveld-Roller

Bordeaux

2023

Acrylic on canvas

30 x 30 inches



Lynette Haggard

The Back Story

2023

Repurposed quilts, fabric, acrylic paint, foam, plywood
15 x 10 x 1.5 inches



Lynette Haggard

Possibly Biased

2023

Repurposed quilts, fabric, acrylic paint, foam, plywood

23 x 21 x 1.5 inches



Lynette Haggard

Seems Likely No. 5

2023

Repurposed quilts, fabric, paint, and thread

8 x 8 inches



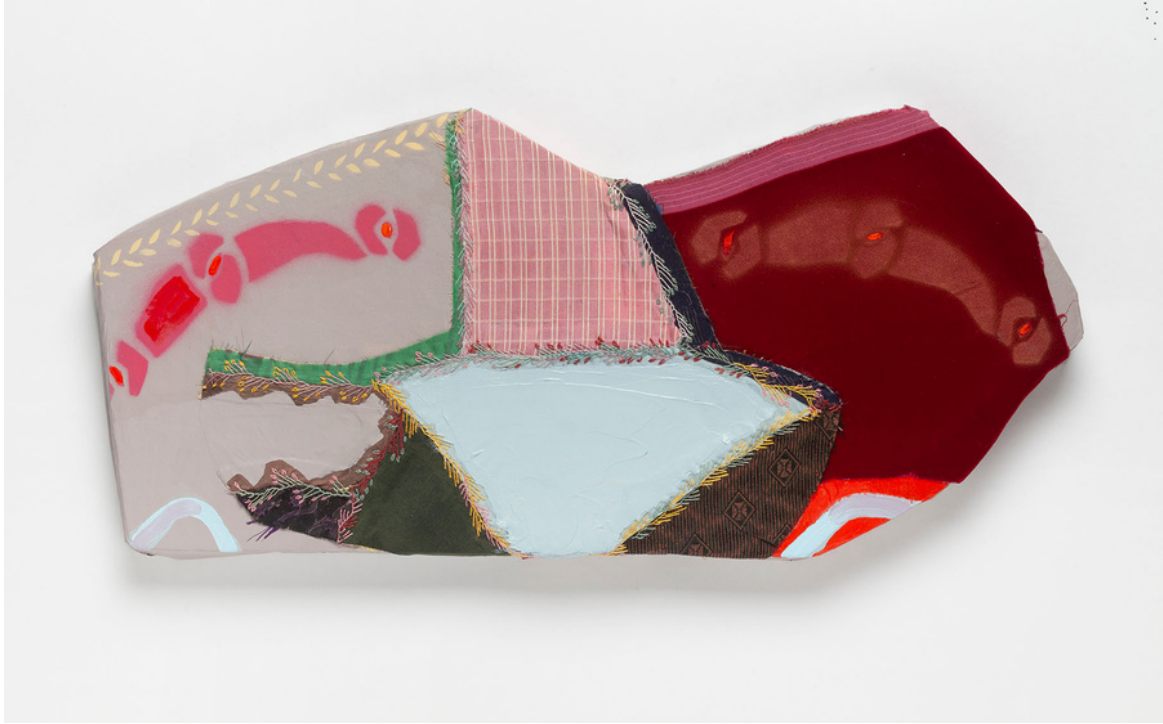
Lynette Haggard

Backstitch

2023

Repurposed quilts, fabric, acrylic paint, foam, plywood

23 x 17 x 1.5 inches



Lynette Haggard

Do Right

2023

Repurposed quilts, fabric, acrylic paint, foam, plywood

22 x 10 x 1.5 inches



Pawel Jezak

Vespa Ride

2023

Ink on newspaper

105 x 80 cm



Lisa Noble

Domestic Ire, Vessel Ritual

2023

Oil and ink on canvas

22 x 28 inches



Lisa Noble

The Importance of Water

2023

Oil and ink on canvas

24 x 30 inches



Lisa Noble

Elle

2023

Oil and ink on canvas

24 x 30 inches



Claudio Parentela

Painting 2867

2023

Ink, acrylic, pen on cardboard

29.5 x 21 cm



Claudio Parentela

Painting 2799

2022

Ink, acrylic, pen on cardboard

37 x 26 cm



Claudio Parentela

Painting 2926

2023

Ink, acrylic, pen on cardboard

21 x 15 cm



Claudio Parentela

Painting 2622

2023

Ink, acrylic, pen on cardboard

29.5 x 21 cm



Claudio Parentela

Painting 2998

2023

Ink, acrylic, pen on cardboard

21 x 21 cm



Gerri Rachins

They're Not Lost, They're Adapting

2022

Flashe, acrylic ink on Arches Aquarelle paper

30 x 22 inches



Gerri Rachins

Food, Energy, Medicine, and Income

2022

Flashe, acrylic ink, gouache on Arches Aquarelle paper

30 x 22 inches



Gerri Rachins

At Once Retro And Cutting Edge
2022

Flashe, acrylic ink, gouache on Arches Aquarelle paper
30 x 22 inches



Gerri Rachins

A Sort of Confession

2022

Flashe, acrylic ink, colored pencil Arches Aquarelle paper
30 x 22 inches

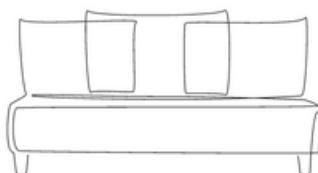
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representing the determined and independent artist
the fighters and the believers
the under-recognized and under-represented
the betwixt-and-between

visual artists collaborating with
curators, designers, musicians,
poets, playwrights, performers

more living room for new alliances,
unexpected juxtapositions,
connections, tensions, flash works of art



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