

THE WORLD OF FRIDA



Nickolas Muray. *Frida with Olmeca Figurine*, 1939, carbon process print, 10.75 x 15.75", courtesy of the Nickolas Muray Photo Archives and GuestCurator Traveling Exhibitions

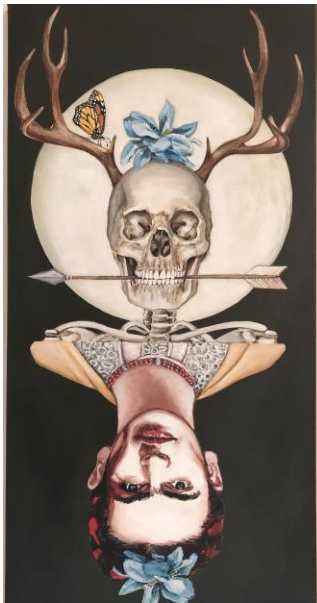
July 8th – September 16th, 2018

Opening Reception & Frida Fest: Sunday, July 8, 2-5pm

At the Bedford Gallery, Leshner Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek, CA

Walnut Creek, CA- This summer the Bedford Gallery celebrates the culture, style, and persona of visionary painter Frida Kahlo, an artist who continues to inspire with her story of love, adventure, and pain. *The World of Frida* weaves juried and invitational shows that reference the artist with a national, traveling photography exhibit titled *Frida Kahlo: Through the Lens of Nickolas Muray* that makes a stop in Walnut Creek after traveling across North America. Hungarian-born Muray—who met Kahlo in a chance encounter in Mexico in 1931 and became her lover and friend—shot some of the most iconic color and black and white images of the artist that exist. This exhibition is organized by the Nickolas Muray Photo Archives and is circulated through GuestCurator Traveling Exhibitions.

Artwork included in the juried and invitational exhibitions feature Frida Kahlo as the subject as well as artworks inspired by her life and art, including themes of Frida's garden, Mexican culture and fashion, vibrant colors, surrealism, and more. The juried exhibition includes nearly 150 artworks selected by jurors Lisa Congdon, fine artist, illustrator and author; and Rebecca Gomez, Curator of Exhibitions and Programs at the Mexic-Arte Museum in Austin, TX.



Jamie Burnside, *Defiant Deer*, 2018. acrylic on canvas. 15x30"

Images of artwork in *The World of Frida* are available in our [Electronic Press Kit](#)

Participating Artists:

Cheryl Abraham · Monica Andino · Kim Bagwill · Monica Balmelli · Karen Barry · Charles Barth · Kaethe Bealer · Mandy Behrens · Marie Bergstedt · Marina Berlin · Anita Beshirs · Juli Bignami · Donna Billick · Claudia Blanco · Elisa Bolanos · Celan Bouillet · Holly Brigham · Kerstin Bruchhaeuser · Jamie Burnside · Joyce Byrum · Alberto Carol · Denise Carson · Cheryl Chapman · Diane Che · Michael Cheung · Ramona Cliff · Amanda Cobb · Lisa Congdon* · Valarie Corona · Denise Cortes · Julia Crane · Sarah Cuevas · Jessica Cuni · Sandra De Jaume · Marian De La Torre-Easthope · Dion Dion · Zee Linda Dissinger · Meredith Dittmar* · Olek & Michelle Dodson* · Razan Elbaba · Carlo Fantin · Annelise Fibæk · Ruth E. Fox · Francisco Franco · Cynthia Garcia · Rupert Garcia* · Diana Gaspar-Pena · Patti Goldstein · Emily Gonzales · Chitra Gopalakrishnan · Betsy Gorman · Debra Grall · Amanda Grazier · Simone Guimaraes · Vicki Gunter · Yhoshua Gutierrez · Don Hall · Catherine Hicks · Maya Holzman · Christine Aria Hostetler · Yan Inlow · Jeni Jenkins · Barbara Johansen Newman · Johnny Karwan · Annie Kevans* · Katie Kindelan · Sophie Kipner · Carlyn Krall · Peter Langenbach · Irene A. Lawson · Lujiang Li · Katie McCann · Alexis McKeown · Elspeth McLean · Julia McLeod · Cherine Mendoza · Kalen Meyer ·

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*Invitational Artists

Public Programs:

Opening Reception & Frida Fest!

Sunday, July 8, 2-5pm

Special admission: \$10 general, \$5 youth (13-17), 12 & under free. Advanced tickets are not required, but recommended. Tickets available on Eventbrite.

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Join us for a celebration of all things Frida! Including a fashion show, Frida look-a-like contest, crafts, and an outdoor mercado. Complimentary refreshments will be served thanks to generous support from JP Morgan Chase and Wentz Vineyards.

Tequila Tasting & Paint a Frida

Thursday, August 23, 6:30-9pm

Join us for a night of tequila tasting and a guided painting class. Everyone will go home with a colorful portrait of Frida!

Advance ticket purchase required, visit www.bedfordgallery.org/frida



Rupert Garcia, *Frida Kahlo*, 2002, woodcut, 35.5 x 24.5". courtesy of Magnolia Editions.

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General Information:

Location: Inside the Leshner Center for the Arts at 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek, four blocks south of the Walnut Creek BART station.

Telephone: (925) 295-1417

Email: galleryinfo@bedfordgallery.org

Website: www.bedfordgallery.org

Exhibition Admission: General \$5; Youth (13-17) \$3; Children 12 and under, free; Free for Bg Members; Free First Tuesdays of the month.

Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, Noon to 5:00 pm. The Gallery is closed on Mondays and July 4th.

Tours: To book an exhibition tour call or email: (925)295-1416 or gallerytours@bedfordgallery.org

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