

ROOT DIVISION Presents: Just Another June



Image info: Tricia Rainwater, I'll say I loved you years ago, 2024

Exhibition Dates: June 7 - 26, 2024

Gallery Hours: Wednesday – Saturday from 2-6 PM

Saturday by appointment only

2nd Saturday Reception: June 8, 2024 | 6-8 pm RSVP here

Just Another June is curated by Root Division Studio Artists Victoria Cheng, Chase Irvin, Josie Licavoli, Maya Salcido White, and Lonnie Taylor.

This exhibition is a playful celebration of queerness through experimentation, abstraction, conceptual thought, and merit in all media. Taking inspiration from the bell hooks quote: "Queer' not as being about who you're having sex with (that can be a dimension of it); but 'queer' as being about

the self that is at odds with everything around it and that has to invent and create and find a place to speak and to thrive and to live."

Just Another June explores the day-to-day of queerness – queerness in the mundane, queerness in the ordinary, queerness in mere existence, expansive queerness, quiet queerness, and beyond. Shifting the focus away from heteronormative displays of queer lifestyles, this show highlights nuanced yet familiar themes such as platonic intimacy, chosen family, everyday subversive acts, and the relationship (and lack thereof) between gender expression and sexual preference. This is a celebration of just "being."

EXHIBITING ARTISTS

Alma Landeta* Karishma Johnson el lee **Aris Ruff** Ell Lin Krista Wright Eva Hoffman Laura Sanford* Audrey Herrera** Ayoade Balogun Fadi Aljabour Lindsay Filowitz Moena Weiss **B** Gamut Gene VanWyck Benny Siam* Hans Dragoo Nathaniel Bice Nick Simko Brittani Chew Humberto Maldonado Hunter Ridenour** Rohan DaCosta Ché Peng Chey Yen and Ames Ma Ian James Sammy Gripe**

Clementine Keenan Isaac Koyama Sen Lu

Cloud Lu Jada Haynes Star Lahey-Buckley

Daniel Kong Jake Rose Tara Liu

Deniz KaptanJang LeeTricia Rainwater*Duma MockJasper WildeWilliam UlrichE. BarriosJoel AngelZoe Segura

ABOUT ROOT DIVISION

Root Division is a visual arts non-profit in San Francisco that connects creativity and community through a dynamic ecosystem of arts education, exhibitions, and studios. Root Division's mission is to empower artists, foster community service, inspire youth, and enrich the Bay Area through engagement in the visual arts. The organization is a launching pad for artists, a stepping-stone for educators and students, and a bridge for the general public to become involved in the arts.

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