

# Urban Expression



EXHIBITION: February 3 through March 23, 2024

OPENING RECEPTION: Live Reggae music and food: February 3, 2024, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

URBAN EXPRESSION Exhibition at OCCCA

FROM BASQUIAT TO ZEZÃO, STREET ART, BORN FROM THE SPIRIT OF REBELLION AND CREATIVE RESILIENCE, SERVES AS A CONDUIT FOR MARGINALIZED VOICES

Speaking to the inherent human desire for self-expression, capturing the raw essence of diverse communities, URBAN EXPRESSION street artists become agents for change through vibrant, bold strokes and captivating imagery. Transcending traditional confines of galleries and museums while inviting viewers to question and participate in reimagining urban surroundings, the exhibition represents a movement outright ostracized for decades by a pantheon of establishment sectors. OCCCA invited artists from all backgrounds to explore the themes of urban culture, social commentary, personal narratives, and the transformative nature of public spaces. Whether through murals, mixed-media installations, photos, videos or intimate canvas works, the selected artists of this exhibition express freedom to experiment and push the limits of their creativity.

Juror Kelly "RISK" Graval has been synonymous with the Los Angeles art community for over 30 Years. From his early days as a founder of the West Coast Graffiti movement to gallery and museum exhibits around the globe, including the 2012 "Art In The Streets" at the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art and the hugely successful "Beyond The Streets" exhibits in Los Angeles and New York. His work is shown at top galleries in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Toronto, New York, Miami, and London.

PARTICIPATING ARTISTS: Orell Anderson, Timothy Armstrong, Audineh Asaf, Aaron Bernard, Leslie Brown, Diane Cockerill, Gianne de Genevraye, Voytek Glinkowski, Tanner Goldbeck, Rob Grad, Kara Greenwell, Brian Hernandez E.E. Jacks, Nicola Katsikis, Jason Leith, Kathe Madrigal, Don Manderson, Debra Manville, Stuart McCall, Maidy Morhous, Veru Narula, Robin Repp, Gareth Seigel, Stephanie Sydney, Randy Wheeler, Elyse Wyman