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LAYERS OF

OPENING RECEPTION
NOV-1-2025
6 PM TO 10 PM



EXHIBIT DATES - Nov. 1- 29. 2025

OPENING RECEPTION - SATURDAY NOV. 1, 6 PM- 10 PM

MEET THE ARTIST RECEPTION - NOV. 23rd - 2PM -5PM

GALLERY HOURS - Thursday - Sunday, 12PM - 5PM

The **Orange County Center of Contemporary Art** is pleased to present “*LAYERS OF SELF* “. A bold new exhibition that delves into the complexities of identity and self-reflection. After two highly successful joint exhibitions, these accomplished artists reunite to explore the many facets of identity.

These five visionary artists : Anahid Boghosian, Carolyn Kramer, Donnal Poppe, Kathryn Pitt and Rick Friesen have come together to offer an evocative collection of works that examine the inner workings and layers of self. This extraordinary showcase features a diverse range of mediums, from painting and sculpture to assemblage and installation; each offering a unique perspective on the human experience. Each artist is searching for answers through creative expression and self examination.

Anahid Boghosian

For over 30 years, my creative process has been a journey of self-examination—an ongoing exploration of the layered, imperfect terrain of being human. I am drawn to what has been broken, torn, or discarded, both in the world around me and within myself. By working with reclaimed materials and found objects, I seek to mirror the fragmented nature of identity and memory.

Carolyn Kramer - Layers of self are expressed throughout my artworks with a common thread of whimsy and rich textures. Exploring images of self or inspirations from nature's microscopic patterns and layers of land strata, I wish to extend an offering of tranquility, balance and a deeper connection to both self and nature.

Donnal Poppe - is a resident artist at the Orange County Center of Contemporary Art and has dedicated her life to the world of art. She weaves intricate narratives of self through fabric and found object in *Layers of Self*. Her pieces incorporate personal and communal histories, illustrating the delicate balance between individual identity and collective experience.

Kathryn Pitt - The meaning of the words 'Layers of Self' are interpreted literally in Kathryn's work. Using her body as a muse, the creative process and the culminating pieces are a personal journey of discovery. Taking stock of her 50 years and how age has shaped her body and played with her mind, the question she asked herself was "How do I feel about myself now?"

Rick Friesen - I feel my parents, their parents, aunts, great aunts, all in the layer beneath my feet. Layers of dirt, skin, muscle and bone. Layers of atmosphere, sediment, volcanic ash. Paleozoic, Mesozoic, Neozoic. Ages and heights marked on a door frame. We are a layer cake of overcrowded civilizations and graves. I paint it.

Exhibition Details:

Title: Layers of Self

Venue: Orange County Center for Contemporary Art (OCCCA)

Location: 117 N Sycamore St, Santa Ana, CA 92701

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Artist Talk : Nov. 23rd, 2PM - 5PM

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Admission: Free and open to the public

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