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“CALIFORNIA ICON” & “INFINITY INFINITIES”

Artists Bridget and Joanna are about to bring a big inspiring “pop” of excitement to the SOVAK Gallery on Abbot Kinney Boulevard, in Venice Beach, CA

From June 5th – June 14th 2015

Introducing two truly dynamic and talented women. Bridget Griggs and Joanna Garel have come together to present their joint debut exhibition in Los Angeles. Their individual styles of painting are soon to bring life to the most recent gallery addition on Abbot Kinney Blvd.

Sovak Gallery walls are excitedly pulsating in anticipation. Griggs will be introducing her new vibrant and bold “Infinity” series filling one side of the room while Garel’s playful interpretations of a Southern California icon, the life guard tower, compliment the opposite walls. Their paintings express a common thread as each artists uses repetitive symbols within each piece of work. Creating a perfect balance of inspiring paintings laying ground for a great launch for their work as painters here in LA and for this new gallery space.

NEW WORKS IN LOS ANGELES BY
**BRIDGET GRIGGS AND
JOANNA GAREL**

JUNE 5-14, 2015

opening reception
Friday June 5, 2015
7-10 pm



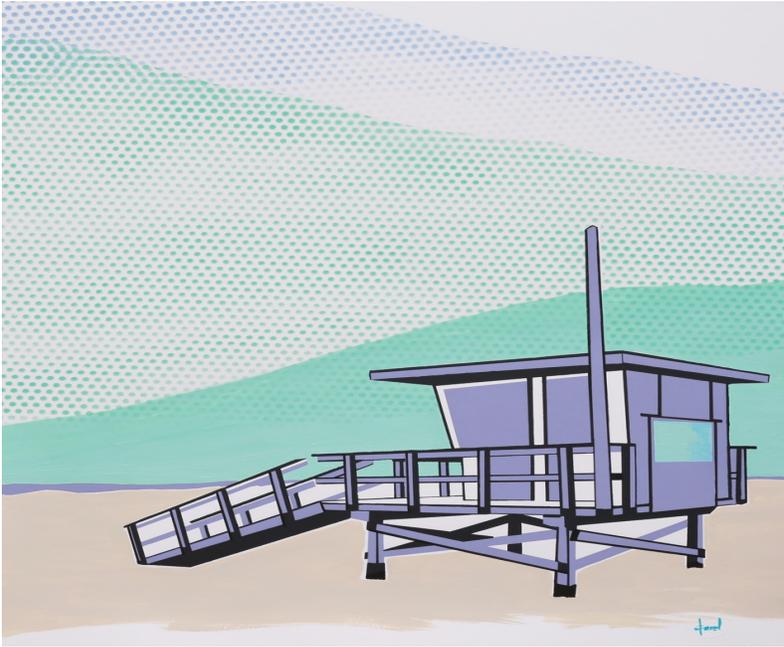


Bridget's series "Infinity Infinities" consists of a powerful unique mixture of free flowing black and white and also fluorescent abstract shapes and vessels on paper. Each painting containing an ensemble of intriguing delicate and bold infinity symbols. Her light and simplistic strokes are offset with chaotic and bold details that lends each painting a unique sculptural feel. Her shapes represent a concept of infinite worlds within worlds, constructed with an overall essence of harmony.

"Life IS Art, and nothing in this universe is static. It feels completely innate to be compelled to go into the unknown." Bridget Griggs

Originally from Toronto, Canada, Bridget recently embarked on a solo artist road trip travelling 4,400 miles across America. Stopping along the way, filling her soul with the gorgeous contrasting nature and the inspiring people she encountered as she continued west to Southern California. She is a true explorer through and through which resonates in her work. Bridget has a following of collectors spread throughout North America and Europe but this exhibits marks her first in the United States.

Her new series is a result of synchronistic events once in LA, which ignited memories and expanded these concepts that all came to life while in a small cottage like home, tucked away in a "secret garden" in Los Feliz.



Joanna is a talented artist steadily emerging into a strong painter. She moved to Southern California 20 years ago from Toronto Canada. Her paintings are influenced by her Southern California lifestyle of surf. Her inspired works consist of a series of lifeguard towers strongly resting on secluded shores with playful vibrant dotted skies. Her unique study of lifeguard towers come to life on wood panels and in lithograph. As an emerging artist Garel was encouraged by the founder of the Hermosa Beach Fine Art Fair to start showing her work immediately and enjoyed success at the 2014 outdoor art exhibit, as the subject matter proved to resonate strongly amongst art collectors in the Los Angeles area.

"Painting essentializes my experience of Southern California. The lifeguard tower takes on a different meaning from my perspective, as a surfer in the water. It is my rescue, a marker in the landscape, and most of all a safe haven." Joanna Garel

"CALIFORNIA ICON" & "INFINITY INFINITIES" will be a refreshing addition to LA's burgeoning art scene while offering an alternative art opportunity for visitors to Abbot Kinney.

The opening reception will take place Friday, June 5, 2015 from 7-10 pm and coincide with Abbot Kinney First Fridays. These Friday events highlight local business and feature food trucks.

Additional Information:

Opening Friday June 5th 2015

7-10pm

Sovak Gallery

1731 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice Beach CA

Show runs until June 14th

Gallery hours: 11:30-6:00 pm and by appointment

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More About the Artists:

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