



courage | MEMBERS' EXHIBITION 2012

Exhibition Dates: Tuesday, January 24 - Friday, February 17, 2012

**Artists' Reception: Friday, February 3, 6pm
Oakland First Fridays – Open to 9pm**

Free Admission

Oakland, CA: Pro Arts announces **courage | MEMBERS' EXHIBITION 2012**. The exhibition is on view Tuesday, January 24 - Friday, February 17, 2012. An Artists' Reception is scheduled Friday, February 3, 6 – 8 pm (First Fridays- The gallery is open until 9pm.) Exhibition events are free and open to the public.

Pro Arts shares a vision of artists leading social change; creating new, risk-taking art makes way for change in our communities. The Members' Exhibition is a new non-juried program created to expand exhibition opportunities for regional artists. The exhibition showcases over fifty artists responding to the title visual prompt.

The exhibition was shaped and developed in conjunction with the Members' Exhibition Committee, a group of member artists coming together to inspire and dialogue with other artists. Pro Arts' programs and services create platforms for inspiring and supporting art-making, and peer networks amongst artists.

Featured Artists: Elizabeth Ashcroft, Peter Baczek, Mark Dixon Belote, Ashlie Benton, Bonnie Bonner, Rose Borden, Gabriele Bungardt, David Burke, Maggie Cockrell, Whitney Eldridge, Rodney Ewing, Mi'Chelle Fredrick, Aannah K. Golemac, Harriett Hache, Kelly Hammargren, Naoko Haruta, Susannah Israel, Jessica Jirsa, Angela Johal, Judy Johnson-Williams, Andrzej Michael Karwacki, Genessa Kealoha, Jeff Kramm, Jon Kwak, William LaRue, Matthias Leue, Judy Levit, Marilia Lutz, Barbara Maricle, Diana Mihalakis, Robbin Milne, Carol Morse, Joseph Murdach, Murray Nelson, Shelley Nielsen, Jane Norling, Ronald Owens, Lori Pino, Marcia Poole, Jacqueline Proulx, Lisa Rose, Shawn Rowland, Tim Ryan, Suzanne Saul, Judy Seidel, Rtystk Shavers, Mary Shisler, Heidi Shonkoff, Rita Sklar, Larry Stefl, Elizabeth Stokkebye, Alberto Toscano, John Vias, Nicole Wakeman, Kathleen Welter, John Wood

About Pro Arts: Supporting the arts within communities by serving the ongoing needs of artists. Pro Arts provides critical access to contemporary art in the region and serves as a regional hub for independent curated exhibitions, advocacy, arts education, arts activities and capacity-building artist services --fiscal sponsorship to artists and professional exhibition services matching artists with community partners. We produce more than 15 exhibitions annually, exhibit over 500 artists, and reach an annual audience over 72,000.

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