

## Dear So & So: Now More Than Ever

*Curated by Mary Lewey & Helen Popinchalk*

Cambridge, MA, <August 10, 2021>—The Cambridge Art Association (CAA) is pleased to announce *Dear So & So: Now More Than Ever*, a Members Curatorial Exhibit, organized by Mary Lewey & Helen Popinchalk.

This exhibit is part of our Members' Curatorial Series, an annual opportunity for members of the CAA to curate an exhibit of three or more artists. The exhibit opens on October 5, 2021, at our Kathryn Schultz Gallery, and at the CAA's Charles River Speedway Gallery, and remains on view through October 30, 2021. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, October 9 from 1-4 pm. This event is free and open to the public.

Reception: Saturday, October 9, 1-4 pm

Online Artist Talks: Wednesdays, October 6, 13, 20, 27, 6:30 - 7:45 pm on Zoom

### About the Exhibition:

*Dear So & So* is an ongoing project that celebrates artistic collaboration in an innovative way. As co-curators and artists, Mary Lewey and Helen Popinchalk invite a group of artists working in a variety of mediums to participate in an art experiment: choose a partner and work together in a call-and-response style over the course of one year. For example, one person begins a collection of new work and then turns it over to their art pen pal, trusting them to build upon it. Work is exchanged back and forth until finished.

For this iteration of *Dear So & So*, Lewey and Popinchalk asked artists to consider the phrase "now more than ever." As we continue to cope with the impacts of COVID-19 and the simultaneous national reckoning with racial justice, the phrase has been used... "well, now more than ever!" But what does it actually mean? Do we care that every business with our email address is carefully monitoring the situation? How does a blurb on social media translate into real change? What do humans *really need now*? How do we use our creativity to get by? What does it mean to collaborate during these trying times? *Dear So & So: Now More Than Ever* asks artists to ponder these questions, as well as their own, while creating new work together.

### Participating Artists Pairings:

Cicely Carew & Destiny Palmer; Cyrille Conan & Kenji Nakayama; Rocky Cotard & Michael Talbot; Vanessa Irzyk & Tiffney Shoquist; Michele L'Heureux & Taleen Batalian; Mary Lewey & Helen Popinchalk; Frantz Lexy & mische HT; Gina Lindner & Serena Gabriels; Joe LoVasco & Maura O'Connor; Dee Moore & Caleb Cole; John Skibo & Jena Thomas; Tyler Sorgman & Molly Kafka

About the Cambridge Art Association: CAA was founded in 1944 by a group of local artists and art supporters. At the time, there was no other local association like it. The CAA was a space for exhibiting work, learning new techniques, and socializing. It was - and is - above all, a community of artists.

Today, the CAA maintains two gallery spaces for exhibits, as well as several less traditional satellite spaces. Until mid-2015, we were a juried members association. As the result of a strategic plan and long-term vision for the CAA, we are now open to all.

What do we do? We present roughly 20 gallery exhibits, and an additional 20 exhibits in our satellite spaces. We create opportunities for local and regional contemporary artists to engage with gallery owners, curators,

collectors, and each other through networking events, portfolios reviews, and other professional development programs. We also operate an Art Rental Program, connecting artists to local organizations for short-and-long-term display of work.

#### General Information + Transportation

*Kathryn Schultz Gallery* is located at 25R Lowell Street, Cambridge, MA. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Friday, 12-4pm, and Saturday, 10am-2pm. Free and open to the public.

The Gallery is accessible via the 71 and 73 buses from the Harvard Square MBTA stop. Parking is available in the lot at 25 Lowell Street, at metered parking spots on Mount Auburn Street, and at the Mount Auburn Hospital Garage.

*CAA at the Speedway* is located in the newly opened Charles River Speedway complex, located at 525 Western Avenue, Brighton MA. Gallery hours: Thursday, 4-6pm; Friday, 4-7pm; Saturday, 12-5pm; and Sunday, 12-4pm.

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