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Part I: January 24th - February 11, 2023

Part II: February 14th - March 4th, 2023

Curated by Patricia Miranda



Atlantic Gallery is very pleased to present TENUOUS THREADS, a two-part exhibition showcasing works incorporating textiles, fibers, threads, and mixed media. Tenuous Threads alludes to the delicate lines that bring us together and set us apart; that join us yet repel us.

All of life is connected through networks, systems, fibers, and webs. Communication (visual, verbal, electrical, chemical, and kinetic) enables an exchange of information among all life forms.

The exhibition includes innovative artworks that utilize textiles, fibers, and threads (natural and synthetic) in sculpture, collage, 3D, and 2D mixed media that communicate the strength and fragility of what binds all life.

Atlantic Gallery Chelsea, New York City

## A Note from Juror and curator, Patricia Miranda

As juror, I went through each and every image one of the 1029 images equally, as thumbnails, full size, often zooming in for detail.

I do a preliminary "walk-through" of all the images before making any notation or decision. I read each artist statement and statement about the work, and looked with interest at the ideas and the materials. In some cases, when I felt more info was needed, I googled the artists website to get a deeper sense of their practice.

With so many images, I knew that the decision would be extremely challenging. When choosing from such a large submitted group of works, it necessarily means that much wonderful work would not be chosen, including strong work that I might love.

After a run through of the work, I make preliminary notations on individual works as well as on artists. Several more passes are made, as the work is whittled down to a strong group that will fit the space and speak well to the theme and one another. This is especially difficult, but necessary to make a strong exhibition.

Curation happens inside a set of choices and possibilities: first, the strong vision and voice of the artist shining through; next, the relationship of the works to one another; considering these inside the theme; and finally, the limitations of the space. It is important that the work hold together as a thoughtful set of circulating ideas, and not a random grouping of objects. I bring work together so that individual works can shine, and that new connections are revealed through the juxtaposition with other work.

Some notes on the submissions. There were about 150 works that did not conform to the guidelines for the exhibition. First, there were many works over the 40" requirement. We gave that a bit of some leeway, but there were many wonderful works well over the size which had to be eliminated. The other requirement was for work to be for sale; many listed their work as NFS.

The guidelines are there for the gallery's needs, and to level the playing field for the artists. Another note is to be sure you have excellent photography of the work- there were many photos that made it very difficult to see the work clearly, dark, blurry, or with work cropped making it difficult to understand what the work was constituted. Be sure to read the instructions to make sure your work will be considered fully. Good luck!

Sincerely, Patricia Miranda

## **Exhibiting artists in Tenuous Threads**

Mrin Aggarwal Lisa Alberts Ophelia Arc Beatrice Opokua Atencah Christine Barney Lucy Beizer Martha Bird Stacy Bogdonoff Shari Wolf Boraz Anita Bracalente Lauren Bradshaw Yael Braha Ingrid Butterer Jenn Cacciola Blair Martin Cahill Katie Chester Katherine Chudy Jodi Colella Merill Comeau Lauren Comerato Madelaine Corbin Don "DonCee" Coulter

Atinuke Adeleke

Marilla Cubberley Sherry Davis Rima Day Sophia DeJesus-Sabella Debra Disman Patricia Downs Lisa Federici Marjorie Fedyszyn Sheila Ferri Irwin Freeman Milisa Galazzi Laurel Garcia Colvin Tatiana Ginsberg Rene Gortat Frica Green Andrew Sedawick Guth Morgan Hale Liz Hamilton Quay Jeanne Heifetz Joanna Hoge Reineke Hollander Ali Hval Laurel Izard

Ruth Jeyaveeran Robin Jordan Susan Kaplow Deborah Kapoor Jill Kerttula Natalya Khorover Jongbum Kim **Epiphany Knedler** Alicia Kozłowska Leigh Lambert Margaret Lanzetta Hattie Lee Lilv Martina Lee Tasha Lewis Danielle Lopez Monica Loss Christina Maile Rose Malenfant Tara Marchionna Nicole Mazza Jennifer McBrien Gail Mevers Calla Michaelides

Marianne Moore Elizabeth Morisette Amanda Mulcahy Ellie Murphy Johanna Norry Geraldine Ondrizek Carol Paik Michelle Peterson Leah Poller Claire Renaut Leisa Rich Michael Rohde Susan Ruptash Alison Safford Matthew Sairio Theda Sandiford Heather Schulte Linda Sok Priscilla Stadler Elizabeth Starcevic Nalani Stolz B. Avery Syria Rebecca Talbot

Sara Tanikawa Sara Torgison Adrienne Trego Theo Trotter Nobuko Tsuruta Rita Valley Margaret Vega Ann Vollum Regina Vorgang Kristen Walsh Magali Wilensky Deborah Winiarski Janie Woodbridge Stefanie Zito



Debra Disman Facing Darkness Mixed media (textile tapestry-hanging) 18" x 19" x .5"