

CalHalla: Art Show by Iconic (Ironic?) Americana Artist Lauren Bergman



Lauren Bergman, Future Perfect, acrylic on gessoed paper mounted on sintra

New York-based artist Lauren Bergman announced today her highly anticipated upcoming exhibition, CalHalla: Dreams of Future Passed, at Corey Helford Gallery in Culver City, California. The work (see below) is full of perky idealized Betty Page-era pin-up girls and Frank Lloyd Wright architecture.

Artist Lauren Bergman

Lauren Bergman grew up in Washington, DC before relocating to Manhattan in 1987 to study painting and design at Parson's School of Design and The Art Students League in New York. Influenced strongly as a young woman by her mother, a model and activist, Bergman began her quest to explore and discover the complexities of female relationships, particularly the mother-daughter relationship between her mother and grandmother.

Bergman grew up observing her mother's revolutionary disposition, reacting against cultural expectations of the times, an environment that encouraged Bergman to explore narratives and grow to become an accomplished artist. As a high-school student involved in art courses at the Corcoran Gallery of Art, focusing on female relationships to each other and to society, Bergman's exceptional talents and mature narratives quickly landed her gallery exhibitions in Washington, DC, exhibiting among renowned American realists such as Burton Silverman and Sondra Freckelton.

Bergman is now regarded as a preeminent female contemporary artist emerging in the 21st Century, respected for her contributions to feminist-inspired art. Select solo exhibitions in New York City include *New Works* at OK Harris Gallery and *American Dream* at Makor Gallery. Group shows include *Charity By Numbers* and *The War: The Anti-War Show* at Corey Helford Gallery, *All About Women* at Carl Hammer Gallery in Chicago, and *Innocence and Insight* at Claire Oliver Fine Art in New York City.

Bergman has been published in *The New York Times*, *XLR8R*, *Boing Boing*, *Fecal Face*, *Juxtapoz*, *Absolute Arts*, *Glasstire*, and *Vinyl Pulse*. Bergman currently lives and works in Manhattan. For more information on the fine art of Lauren Bergman, please visit www.laurenbergman.net.

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