

OUTPOST FOR CONTEMPORARY ART

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Outpost for Contemporary Art to Honor Founder with Silent Benefit Auction

“Breaking New Ground” Tribute to Julie Deamer on MAY 7th to feature work of notable L.A. Artists

LOS ANGELES –Outpost for Contemporary Art will honor Julie Deamer, its founding Executive Director, with “Breaking New Ground,” a silent benefit auction on May 7th at the Neutra VDL Research House. The auction features outstanding works by top Los Angeles artists, and will help the Highland Park-based non-profit fund its transition to a new director.

“This event appropriately honors Julie’s incredible vision and passion in creating an organization that has made extraordinary contributions to the artistic and cultural life of Los Angeles and beyond,” said Tom McKenzie, president of Outpost’s Board of Directors. “It also will help Outpost create a strong foundation for success for the next executive director. We’re grateful to the many remarkable artists whose contributions make this benefit and tribute possible.”

The silent auction’s distinguished contributors include: Edgar Arceneaux, Andrea Bowers, Brian Cooper, Dorit Cypis, Bart Exposito, Taft Green, Evan Holloway, Olga Koumoundouros, Susan Logoreci, Euan Macdonald, Alia Malley, Allison Miller, Rebecca Morris, Sandeep Mukherjee, Jill Newman, Jorge Pardo, Nancy Popp, Sterling Ruby, Analia Saban, Joaquin Segura, and Mary Weatherford.

The artist collective, Fallen Fruit, will be presenting a special blend of their Neighborhood Infusions, a vodka infused with locally-foraged fruit, and desserts will be provided by [Auntie Em’s](#) of Eagle Rock. The evening will also feature a performance by the [The Calder Quartet](#), who, deemed 'Superb' by The New York Times, are the Quartet-in-Residence at the Colburn School. Tickets are \$20 for the event, which also will include entertainment, food and drinks.

Deamer founded Outpost in 2004. The foothill region with Hollywood and the San Fernando Valley to the west, the San Gabriel Valley to the east, and downtown Los Angeles to the south is home to many notable working artists, but outside Pasadena, this area has relatively few non-profit organizations devoted to creating artistic and cultural programming for the region. Outpost has been filling

this void through projects in the community that provide local and international contemporary artists with opportunities to engage diverse community members, including both Spanish and English-speaking residents, neighborhood business owners, and college students.

Outpost's most notable programming has revolved around a series of exchange programs, bringing artists from around the world to Los Angeles for extended creative residencies and related events, seminars and exhibitions.

Outpost also has collaborated widely with many local artists and with institutions such as the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions and Occidental College. It has consistently received funding support from the city and county of Los Angeles and numerous prominent foundations, and from hundreds of individual donors.

Deamer announced earlier this year that she would step down from the organization in July 2011 to focus on her position as the Executive Director of the Harpo Foundation, a position she has held since April 2009. McKenzie remarked, "I'm very pleased that Julie has so generously provided her time, talent and expertise over the past few months as we have undertaken capacity building and Executive Director search efforts. Julie's amazing vision has certainly taken root in the community, and we look forward to its future under new leadership. We wholeheartedly thank Julie and wish her well in her pursuits." Outpost hopes to transition to new leadership without interruption to the current South American Residency Cycle featuring X. Andrade of Ecuador and Ala Plástica of Argentina coming up later in 2011."

The benefit silent auction will be held from 5 PM to 7 PM on May 7th at the Neutra VDL Research House, an extraordinary home designed by Richard Neutra in the Silver Lake neighborhood of Los Angeles. Tickets are \$20 for the event, which also will include entertainment, food and drinks. For more information, or to buy tickets, please go to www.outpost-art.org, email rsvp@outpost-art.org or call 323-899-3533.

About Outpost for Contemporary Art

Outpost for Contemporary Art is a non-profit organization devoted to connecting people to art and artists from around Los Angeles and around the world through a wide variety of events, exchange programs and residencies. Contributions to Outpost are tax deductible under section 501(c)3 of the IRS code. Outpost's headquarters is located at 1268 North Ave. 50, Los Angeles, CA, 90042. For more information, go to www.outpost-art.org, call (323) 899-3533 or email info@outpost-art.org

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