

OUTPOST FOR CONTEMPORARY ART

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Outpost for Contemporary Art Launches *Outpost HQ*

LOS ANGELES – Outpost for Contemporary Art has launched *Outpost HQ*, a series of arts initiatives and public hours at the non-profit group's new storefront home in the heart of the Highland Park neighborhood of northeast Los Angeles.

"Since we moved into our new space, we've been developing a group of programs and events that connect the community with art and artists in a variety of innovative and fun ways," said Julie Deamer, Outpost's executive director. "We want to be the community's outpost for enjoying and embracing art in many forms."

Outpost's new space is located in the burgeoning arts district around Avenue 50's intersection with York Avenue. It will be a meeting ground for international and local cultural exchange of many kinds as Outpost embarks on a two-year program cycle focused on South American art and artists. *Outpost HQ* also will include five recurring programs at the storefront:

T-Shirt Revival Night

Second Saturdays monthly, 7 PM to 10 PM

As part of the *NELAart Second Saturday Gallery Night*, Outpost will feature a new artist each month to create unique designs for the event. For a minimal charge, the artist will "revive" an old T-shirt, canvas bag or other clothing by silk-screening the new designs right onto it. The next scheduled artists include Kiki Johnson and Dewey Tafoya.

Saturday Visits

Third Saturdays monthly, 3 PM

Saturday Visits are informal lectures by local and visiting artists, offering an intimate glimpse into their creative process through a focus on works-in-progress. The next scheduled artists include Mike Wolf and Paul Pescador.

Say Something window project

Launches in March

The *Outpost HQ* storefront window is a perfect venue for artists to share their ideas with neighborhood passersby. The window will be a site for images or text-based works, beginning with Paul Pescador's process-oriented piece, entitled, *Thank You*.

Mining the Archive
Launches in April

Outpost invites artists, curators and art historians to explore Outpost's collection of art periodicals, some of which date to the early 1960s. Each participant will respond to the texts and images they find by spotlighting and annotating 10 articles, advertisements and reviews from the collection. In turn, the Outpost community will create a fluid dialogue by commenting in turn on the project's marginalia. *Mining the Archive's* inaugural edition, entitled, *1969*, by Curator, Jenée Misraje will open in April.

Trading Post
Launches in May

Trading Post is a wall of curiosities designed to entice and entertain visitors while allowing them to transform the display with their own trade-in contributions. The first display will feature objects culled from the eclectic collection of avowed pack rat Robey Clark. An impressive array of intimate trinkets and spectacular oddities will be available for trade to Outpost members, who may barter their own special object for one on the wall. Keep watch as audience participation evolves the *Trading Post*.

Outpost's long-running international artist-residency program will complement the *Outpost HQ* programming with special events that blur boundaries between art, social practice, and public life while providing a context to consider deep geopolitical and socio-cultural questions.

Outpost also will provide regular weekly public hours, from 11 AM to 4 PM, Wednesday through Saturday, at the storefront at 1268 N. Ave. 50 in Los Angeles. The storefront provides meeting space, wireless access, a library of arts periodicals and books, and a changing assortment of T-shirts, drawings, prints and other works for sale by supporting artists.

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 N. Ave. 50, Los Angeles, CA, 90042. For more information, call (323) 899-3533 or email julie@outpost-art.org

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