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Brooklyn Art Festival 2011

March 10th – May 15th

BROOKLYN – Z Space Gallery is proud to present a group exhibition by 17 local artists entitled **Brooklyn Art Festival 2011** from March 10th through May 15th. On exhibit will be 32 paintings, drawings, photographs and sculpture that serve as a sampling of art being created in Brooklyn today.

The flood of responses we got from all corners of the borough to our open call for entry were whittled down to the 32 best artworks submitted, and because no restrictions of medium, style or theme were in the open call, gallery goers will be able to see a varied collection of work bound only by their local origin. The range of style by this show's photographers is great, from Mel Levine's stunning work for Time and Sports Illustrated to Murray Melnick's vintage, poetic black & white work to Trevor Brown's macro compositions that find the beauty and color in the detritus of urban decay. Abstract art is also well represented by Mary Robertson's geometric impasto work and by the delicate surrealism seen in works by S.V. Martin and Ekaterine Merabishvili. Also on exhibit are work by renowned impressionist watercolorist Ellen Hoyt and realist acrylic painter Jonas Mlenak.

Artists presented in this exhibition are Trevor Brown, Ellen Fleishman, Pamela Hope, Ellen Hoyt, Scott Kanner, Kathy Levine, Mel Levine, Sarah Martin, Murray Melnick, Ekaterine Merabishvili, Jonas Mlenak, Leslee Ostrow, Mary Robertson, Victoria Silverstein and Melinda Torres

This is the first group exhibition of the 2011 season to be juried by Z Space co-directors Zelda Weiss, Irvin Stafford and Jack Franco. Z Space was founded as a way to give greater exposure to Brooklyn artists and bring their work to the lives of local art lovers. Our first season was highlighted by our *Cultures in America* exhibitions, beginning with **Judiasm: Then and Now**, a well received group exhibition of Judaic art created by local Brooklyn artists, followed by **Art of the African Diaspora**, a warmly embraced exhibition that turned the spotlight on the colorful artwork created by the numerous cultures in the New York area who trace their heritage to Africa, including those of the West Indies, South America, the United States and Africa itself, a show that marked the return to Brooklyn of connecticut-based Guyanese artist Stanwyck E. Cromwell, now scheduled to hold the first ever solo show at Z Space Gallery in November of this year.

The exhibition will be on display at Z Space Gallery in Zelda's Art World at 2291 Nostrand Avenue between Ave I & J, in Midwood, Brooklyn. Hours are 10am – 6pm, Monday through Thursday, 10am – 3pm, Friday and 10am-4pm, Sunday.

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