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**Fountain Gallery Presents FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT  
Photographs by Broken Light Collective**

**June 26 – August 13, 2014**

**Opening Reception: June 26, 6-8 p.m.**

**NEW YORK CITY – Fountain Gallery**, located at 702 Ninth Avenue and representing artists with mental illness, announces the upcoming exhibition ***From Darkness to Light***. This show spotlights photographs by **Broken Light Collective**, the foremost online photography gallery for people affected by mental illness. The exhibition will be on view from June 26 through August 13, 2014, with an Opening Reception on June 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. ***From Darkness to Light*** is presented through the **Fountain Gallery Visiting Artists Program** and is curated by **Danielle Hark**.

“The photographic mélange of images in this show represents a variety of mental states as well as photographic genres including self-portrait, nature, abstract, street photography and more,” said Hark, founder of Broken Light Collective. “In these images we observe dark and light, suffering and hope. We see things that are broken or abandoned, but we also find life emerging from the rubble. We see people in pain as well as those finding light at the end of the tunnel. As an artist with mental illness and a mental health advocate, I am honored to be curating this exhibit for Fountain Gallery.”

*From Darkness to Light* represents a cross section of the Broken Light Collective online gallery in terms of style, location, age, and mental health and developmental challenges. The 36 photographers from around the globe who are featured in the show have been affected by conditions including depression and anxiety, bipolar disorder, PTSD, OCD, addiction, and autism.

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This program is supported, in part, by public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs and by generous support from the Jarvis & Constance Doctorow Family Foundation, the Renate, Hans and Maria Hofmann Trust, and the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation.

### **Fountain Gallery Visiting Artists Program**

The Fountain Gallery Visiting Artists Program was established in 2008 with support from founding sponsor Glenn Close and other benefactors. Through the Program, talented artists with mental illness from around the world, who may lack opportunities to show their work in a professional setting, are invited to participate in selected Fountain Gallery exhibitions.

### **About Broken Light Collective**

The primary goal of Broken Light Collective is to create a safe and accepting environment in which photographers of all levels who are affected by mental health challenges can display their work while inspiring one another to keep going and keep creating. Since launching in 2012, Broken Light Collective's daily online gallery has grown to over 10,000 contributors from more than 150 countries. The team is currently developing new initiatives to further Broken Light's mission of using photography as a vehicle for fighting stigma, raising awareness, and enhancing the lives of people affected by mental illness.

[www.brokenlightcollective.com](http://www.brokenlightcollective.com).

### **About Fountain Gallery**

Fountain Gallery is the premier venue in New York City representing artists with mental illness. Founded by Fountain House in 2000 as a not-for-profit exhibition space for its member-artists living and working with mental illness, the Gallery sells original artworks and collaborates with a wide network of artists, curators and cultural institutions. Embracing artists who are emerging or established, trained or self-taught, Fountain Gallery cultivates artistic growth and makes a vital contribution to the New York arts community.

Artworks by Gallery artists may be viewed at: [www.fountaingallerynyc.com](http://www.fountaingallerynyc.com).

For information about Fountain House: [www.fountainhouse.org](http://www.fountainhouse.org).

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Hours: Tues.-Sat. 11-7; Sun. 1-5  
More than a gallery. A movement.

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