

FOUNTAIN HOUSE GALLERY

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Fountain House Gallery Presents "Connected/Disconnected" Curated by Monty Blanchard and Leslie Tcheyan

On view: May 26 – June 29, 2016
Reception: May 26, 6-8 p.m.

NEW YORK CITY – Fountain House Gallery (formerly Fountain Gallery), located at 702 Ninth Avenue and representing artists living with mental illness, announces the upcoming group exhibition *Connected/Disconnected*. The show will open with a Reception on May 26, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and will remain on view through June 29, 2016.

Connected/Disconnected is curated jointly by **Monty Blanchard** and **Leslie Tcheyan**. Blanchard, who currently serves as President of the Board of Trustees of the American Folk Art Museum, is a former investment banker and an active collector of folk and outsider art, vernacular photography, and ethnographic and indigenous arts from around the world. Tcheyan has been a consultant in the jewelry industry for the past three decades. In January 2016 she launched with her daughter the brand *Of Rare Origin*, whose debut line – known as the "Aviary Collection" – has captured the attention of retailers and editors nationwide.

Curators' Statement

"In an environment in which people seem increasingly to feel 'other' from others, we asked the artists of Fountain House Gallery to present work that explores the artists' relationships with those they feel closely connected to ('friends,' 'angels' or 'allies') and their relationships with those they feel disconnected from ('enemies,' 'demons' or 'foes'). These 'others' may represent either actual people or places, or psychological manifestations of the artists' imaginations. We hoped that the works would express the artists' feelings of either connectedness or disconnectedness and are pleased that the artists took this opportunity to express through their art either their 'love for' or their 'fear and loathing of' various people, environments and situations."

-Monty Blanchard and Leslie Tcheyan

Among the mediums represented in *Connected/Disconnected* are: acrylic, oil and watercolor painting; pencil and charcoal drawing; collage and mixed media; and photography.

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About Fountain House Gallery (formerly Fountain Gallery)

Fountain House Gallery is the premier venue in New York City representing artists living and working with mental illness. Founded by Fountain House in 2000 as a not-for-profit exhibition space for its member-artists, 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 House Gallery cultivates artistic growth and makes a vital contribution to the New York arts community.

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