

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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Charlie James Gallery is delighted to present the exhibition:

***THE FOURTH WALL* – ORGANIZED BY KRISTIN CALABRESE**

**SEPTEMBER 3 – OCTOBER 15, 2016**

**ARTISTS' RECEPTION SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd 2016 FROM 6-9PM**

Charlie James Gallery is delighted to present "The Fourth Wall," a group show organized by Kristin Calabrese, including works by Alexis Murray, Jeremy Rocine, Oscar Moreno, and many other artists under the umbrella of The David Bowie Tribute Wall.

*The Fourth Wall* is an exhibition organized specifically for room with four walls that are almost equal in length, which became the defining property for Calabrese. Her contention is that art is a container for content, and gallery walls a container for art. Each of the three artists and one project are given one of the four walls, to emphasize the individuality of each artist and the square-ness of the room. The show is installed in the intuitive method of abstract expressionism. Works are salon style and quite dense on two of the walls and hung in a single row at eye level on the other two. Depending on your point of view, each wall can be the fourth wall.

**Alexis Murray** makes narrative, figurative paintings using old master techniques and are full of fantasy and caricature. They explore the psychology of coping with anxiety and the darker elements of the human condition. **Jeremy Rocine's** has been painting patterns with a glitch built into the pattern, which is analogous to the sand in the oyster that causes the pearl. **Oscar Moreno's** paintings are developed from a process of addition, subtraction and reformulation in reaction to the painting while it's being formed. Sometimes elements of autobiography and influences like underground comix can be seen lurking beneath the surface.

**The David Bowie Tribute Wall** is a shrine-like installation of paintings, drawings, photos, needlepoint, sculpture, and other kinds of art created as a tribute for the great musical artist David Bowie. Artists participating in The David Bowie Tribute Wall responded to an online Call for Art - <http://www.kristincalabrese.com/bowie.html>. The list of artists is still growing, but so far will include work by Alicia Araya, Annie Lapin, Ariana Papademetropolis, Amy Wilson Faville, Alexis Murray, Andy Alexander, Ben Evans, Catt Avery, Carl Baratta, Deb Kavis, Denise de la Vaux, Emily Joyce, Emma Gray, Face Osiris, Jason LaMotte, Jenny Phelps, Joey Dammit, Joshua Aster, Julia Schwartz, Kelly Smith, Kristin Dowling, Kristin Calabrese. Laura London, Liz Walsh, Michael Arata, Michelle Fiero, Natalie Sistrunk, Nate Pottker, Phillip Holt, Rory Devine, Roya Falahi, Sarah Almond, Sean Griffin, Sharon Ryan, Sherry Carroll, Steve Shriver, Tamar Lalanya, Tina Wood Phalen, Veronica Wood, Vivian Colodro, Wanda Malatesta

### **About the Curator:**

**Kristin Calabrese** (b. 1968) lives and works in Los Angeles. She received her Master of Fine Arts from UCLA in Los Angeles, California in 1998. Previous Solo Exhibitions include Brennan & Griffin, New York; Gagosian Gallery, Beverly Hills; LA><ART, Los Angeles; Susanne Vielmetter, Los Angeles; Leo Koenig, Inc., New York; Michael Janssen, Cologne, Germany; and The Green Gallery, Milwaukee. Calabrese is the recipient of the 2013-14 California Community Foundation Mid-Career Artists Fellowship.