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## **Second Biannual Exhibition 50 Artists / 250 Works** **Opening this December**

**San Antonio, TX**—French & Michigan Gallery is pleased to present the Second Biannual Exhibition *50 Artists / 250 Works*.

The first iteration of *50 / 250* opened in December 2013 with huge success. Only the second exhibition ever presented by French & Michigan Gallery, it became a critical component in fulfilling the mission of the gallery as a space to present programs that engage with the community and advocate for the benefit of supporting artists and collecting artwork. Turning the program into a biannual exhibition fosters a continuous opportunity for the gallery to reach a broader range of artists from around the region and to exhibit new, approachable work to gallery collectors and supporters.

**Second Biannual  
Exhibition**  
**50 Artists / 250 Works**  
December 5-January 30

**Open House**  
December 5  
2:00-6:00 pm

This year, artists are selected through a regional Open Call submission. The 50 finalists chosen vary between mid-career, emerging, and student artists, and range between ceramicists, collagists, designers, metalsmiths, mixed media artists, painters, performers, photographers, printmakers, sculptors, and woodworkers. (See next page for complete list of 2015 artists.)

Artists are asked to create five 8 x 8 inch works each. Every piece is minimally displayed with one magnet in the top center point, resulting in a final installation of 250 objects presented on one wall. A correlating map stands in the center of the room to guide viewers by artist name. All work is priced at an equal value of \$250. Collectors are able to take work immediately upon purchase, allowing the overall installation to evolve throughout the presentation.

By combining artists of varying backgrounds and expertise and requesting the same parameters for submission, the exhibition offers an even platform from which to view the artwork. As well, artists are chosen by artistic merit before reputation, creating a process more focused on the quality of the artist's submission as it relates to their peers in the region, rather than exhibition history or past recognition.

This year, French & Michigan invites Faith Haddad, Creative Director of Haus Collective to co-curate *50 / 250*. Haus Collective, a fellow multi-disciplinary studio in San Antonio, serves as a platform to foster visibility for emerging artists, partnering galleries, and small businesses. By collaborating on *50 / 250*, both organizations continue to serve as proponents for art and design in the local community through a program celebrating artists from all practices.

In addition to the exhibition at French & Michigan Gallery, Haus Collective hosts a F&M pop-up at their location at the Blue Star Arts Complex. The pop-up will platform F&M artwork and products including furniture collections from F&M Workshop, catalogues published by the gallery, and limited edition *50 / 250* exhibition prints. More details to come.

The Second Biannual Exhibition *50 Artists / 250 Works* opens to the public at French & Michigan Gallery on Saturday, December 5, 2015, with an open house from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. Exhibition remains on view through January 30, 2016.



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Fernando Andrade  
Sunday Ballew  
Chris Castillo  
Shannon Crider  
Carol Cunningham  
Alyssa Danna  
Esteban Delgado  
Joseph Duarte  
Keeton Foreman  
Sarah Fox  
Jorge Garza  
Shannon Gowen  
Larry Graeber  
Rafael F. Gutierrez Jr.  
Brittany Ham  
Wesley Harvey  
Leonardo Hernandez  
Kelly Johnston  
Soomin Jung  
Justin Korver  
Jaelah Kuehmichel  
Qing Liu  
Scott Martin  
Jack McGilvray  
Mark Menjivar

Laura Mijangos  
Amada Miller  
Michele Monseau  
Andrea Moon  
Gisette Padilla  
Jillian Palone  
Justin Parr  
Lee Michael Peterson  
Lisa Qualls  
Rainey  
Randi Renate  
Anthony Rundblade  
Gary Schott  
Jen Frost Smith  
Polly Lanning Sparrow  
Cornelia White Swann  
Anabel Toribio-Martinez  
Tom Turner  
Kristina VandeWalle  
Barbara Warren  
Sandy Whitby  
Ali Wiese  
Jason Willome  
Andrew John Wit  
Guillermina Zabala

Exhibition is presented by co-curators Faith Haddad of Haus Collective and Céleste Wackenhut of French & Michigan Gallery.

**French & Michigan Gallery** represents the creative endeavors of French & Michigan as well as cultivating and furthering the careers of artists through resources, exhibitions, and publications. Gallery programs and events engage with the community and advocate for the benefit of supporting artists and collecting artwork.

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