



S P A C E 4 A R T

**Space 4 Art opens a new exhibition, *The Possibility of Something Happening*, at Art Produce Gallery.**

**(Tuesday, February 21- SAN DIEGO)** - Space 4 Art is delighted to present *The Possibility of Something Happening*, the organization's first art exhibition since the pandemic, in collaboration with Art Produce in North Park. Curated by San Diego-based curator Karla Centeno and funded through a generous CPPS award from the City of San Diego, the show is on view at Art Produce Gallery, 3139 University Ave., 92104, from March 3-April 15.

Since 2009, Space 4 Art has provided affordable housing and studios to 140 artists in San Diego. Currently, the Space houses 40 tenant artists in 17 work-only and 6 live-in studios, bringing together practitioners who approach art through different mediums and sensibilities. At Space 4 Art, materials, creation, bodies, and minds coalesce in space and time.

As a consequence of proximity, Space 4 Art offers an opportunity for artists to meet, collaborate, exchange ideas, become friends, and sometimes fall in love. *The Possibility of Something Happening* explores the phenomenological nature of chance across art practices and human encounters. All participating artists are past or present tenants or closely associated artists who have activated and experienced the possibilities within this expansive Space.

"One of the best art experiences I had in San Diego was at an immersive, site-specific artwork in an artist's living room at Space 4 Art," said curator Centeno. "This experience showed me that magic is possible when artists have the space to be wildly creative. I am honored to work with Space 4 Art and Art Produce, two organizations that live up to their mission of caring for artists and providing space for art."

In addition to providing a showcase for Space 4 Art practitioners, *The Possibility of Something Happening* offers a chance for Space 4 Art to partner with Art Produce, a like-minded community-based nonprofit, and to support the work of up-and-coming

San Diego-based curator Centeno as part of its broader mission of supporting the local arts community.

“We are delighted to partner with Art Produce and Karla Centeno to offer a view into the range and depth of Space 4 Art’s artists, their divergent practices, and the possibilities that erupt when creative people are able to work together in an affordable, collaborative Space,” said Space 4 Art Executive Director Jennifer de Poyen. “We hope this is the first of many projects we pursue together.”

Housed in a former North Park grocery store, Art Produce is “an experiment in community building,” said Founder and Executive Director Lynn Susholtz. The collaboration with Space 4 Art is in keeping with that foundational mission.

“We continue to explore the questions: What is this space for? What/where is community? What does collective imagining look like? How do we create a space for cultural exchange?” Susholtz said. “There are many overlapping people and intentions within both of our organizations. We are grateful to partner in this exhibition with Karla Centeno, and the artists and cultural producers of Space 4 Art.”

#### **ABOUT SPACE 4 ART**

Founded in 2009 in downtown’s East Village, Space 4 Art is a multidisciplinary, community-based arts space that functions as a creative incubator and critical nexus of multidisciplinary artists living, working, and interacting with each other and the community at large. After four years of consultation with artists, architects, and community members, hundreds of volunteers worked thousands of hours to construct the facility, which provides affordable spaces for artists, free educational outreach for under-resourced students, and diverse cultural offerings for the community at large. For more information, please visit [www.sdspace4art.org](http://www.sdspace4art.org).

#### **ABOUT ART PRODUCE**

Art Produce is a nonprofit community cultural center that connects artists, cultural organizations, schools, urban farmers, and businesses. It is a laboratory in developing community and creative social space. Art Produce supports cultural production, mentors community engagement by artists, and provides affordable cultural activities in a community setting. Its mission is to build community and foster civic engagement through arts, education, and public culture. For more information, please visit [www.artproduce.org](http://www.artproduce.org).

#### **ABOUT KARLA CENTENO**

Karla Centeno was born and raised in San Diego. Throughout her career, she has sought experiences that allow people to see the world as it is while imagining what it could be. Currently, Karla is the Director of Education & Engagement at the Museum

of Contemporary Art San Diego (MCASD). In this role, she provides external and internal strategic leadership to develop the Museum's educational initiatives, public programs, and community engagement. She is also Co-Founder of [allofus](#), an artist-run collective and online gallery.

**Artists:**

Amy Cimini  
Judith Hamann  
Nick Lesley  
Bob Leathers  
Michelle Lou  
May-ling Martinez  
Joshua Moreno  
Lorena Mostajo  
Jonathan Piper  
Scott Polach  
Ash Smith  
Jacob Sundstrom  
Ariana Warren  
Chris Warren

**Details:**

**Exhibition dates:** March 3, 2023 - April 15, 2023

**Hours:**

- Wednesday 5PM - 8PM
- Thursday & Friday 2PM - 8PM
- Saturday 5PM - 8PM
- Sunday 5PM - 8PM

**Address:** 3139 University Ave, San Diego, CA 92104

**Note:** To access the gallery from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, please enter through Botanica Art & Cocktail Bar, a partner-business with Art Produce at the same address.

**Performances**

**[AMY CIMINI](#)**

**[GO BY LAND](#) (Michelle Lou + Jonathan Piper duo)**

**[JUDITH HAMANN](#)**

**Date:** March 13, 2023

**Hour:** 7 PM

**Donation:** \$5-20

## **Closing Reception**

**Date:** April 15, 2023

**Hours:** 5PM - 8PM

### **Details:**

- Mingle with artists
- Performances
- Talk and sips: A nonconventional discussion on affordable housing

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