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## CURATE NYC 2011

December 2 – December 11, 2011

**Opening Reception:** Friday, December 2, 2011 from 6-8 pm  
Bill Hodges Gallery, 24 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY



**New York, New York, November 23, 2011** – Bill Hodges Gallery is delighted to announce that the following 19 artists have been selected to participate in this year's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Curate NYC exhibition: Marianne Barcellona, Irma Bohorquez-Geisler, Delphine Fawundu, Julia Forrest, Charlie Grosso, LKS, Abra Morawiec, Mical Moser, David Pierce, Adrian Roman, Sang Hee Ma, Nicholas Shepard, Susan Siegel, Alexandria Smith, Fedele Spadafora, Shira Toren, Lena Viddo, Morito Yasumitsu, and Junko Yoda. The gallery is thrilled to introduce these individuals as leading the next crop of emerging visual artists who are quickly gaining recognition in the New York City arts scene.

As the exclusive Manhattan gallery chosen to curate one of the 5 multi-borough gallery exhibitions, Bill Hodges Gallery would like to congratulate these artists for being selected from a pool of more than 1,500 entrants. Selected works ranging from drawings, paintings, photographs, installations, and sculptures will be exhibited in the gallery from Friday, December 2 through Sunday, December 11, 2011.

The scope of this year's Curate NYC competition has significantly increased from its 2010 debut and now includes more artists, more galleries, in addition to an online component. "After a highly publicized submission process, we are excited for the gallery to have an integral role in introducing some of the best emerging contemporary visual talent in the city to the public," explains Bill Hodges. "Everyone is always looking for the next Basquiat, Rothko, Banksy or Hirst whether it's consciously or subconsciously. And it's not unimaginable for him or her to be discovered through this initiative."

"The arts, overall, is part of what makes New York City a place where people want to visit, people want to live, people want to shop, people want to spend. And the artists who live here should be part of that economy, in terms of benefitting from it," explains Brian Tate, Curate NYC Co-producer.

"Mayor Bloomberg really has a great love for the arts and wants to see the arts thrive in New York City and this is one of his initiatives," explains Danny Simmons, Curate NYC Co-producer. "And in terms of trends for this year's submissions, a lot of people are really pushing limits and exploring new boundaries and new territories through unusual sculptures, unusual paintings, and unusual voices of expression, taking art to a lot of different places that I have never seen before."

A unique citywide showcase that heightens visibility and career opportunities for New York City visual artists, Curate NYC also helps promote the city's image as a cultural hub. The project is produced by Full Spectrum Experience, Inc., in partnership with the New York City Economic Development Corporation. For more information, please visit [www.curatenyc.org](http://www.curatenyc.org).

The gallery is located on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of 24 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. We are near the ABCDEF and 1 trains. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Friday 10am – 6pm and Saturday 12:30pm – 5:30pm. Press viewings can be arranged prior to the exhibition. For more information, or to arrange a viewing, please call Bill Hodges at 212-333-2640.

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