

New Collectors

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New Collectors Presents *Action*

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191 Henry Street, New York, NY

New Collectors is pleased to present, *Action*, a group exhibition with 33 artists curated by **Alex Leav** and **Dylan Rose Rheingold**, in support of Planned Parenthood. The work will be exhibited at New Collectors for one week with 80% of the proceeds going directly to Planned Parenthood.

The Supreme Court's recent decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* was unsurprising; nonetheless, jarring. To lose autonomy over one's own body – in a country nicknamed the “land of the free” – is heartbreaking, scary, and unfair.

It's easy to become passive about, and perhaps complicit in, a matter which feels out of one's control; a matter which might not affect one living in a Democratic state (yet). However, it's more important than ever to act and to support. Susan Sontag wrote, “Compassion is an unstable emotion. It needs to be translated into action, or it withers. The question of what to do with the feelings that have been aroused, the knowledge that has been communicated. If one feels that there is nothing ‘we’ can do – but who is that ‘we’? – and nothing ‘they’ can do either – and who are ‘they’ – then one starts to get bored, cynical, apathetic.”

‘We’ cannot get bored, cynical, or apathetic. ‘We’ are all of us, and there is so much that we *can* do.

Action is an attempt to “do.” The exhibition brings forth a selection of work by 33 New York-based emerging artists in support of Planned Parenthood's efforts to protect access to safe, legal abortion, healthcare and reproductive rights. Spanning painting, sculpture, photography, and poetry, the work included advocates for our right to self-autonomy and emphasizes the importance of personal choice. Made up of one piece per artist, *Action* stresses unity and equality. We are stronger together in this fight for freedom than we are apart. - Alex Leav

The artists include **Caroline Absher, Aiza Ahmed, Garrett Ball, Lua Beaulieu, Grace Bromley, Dante Cannatella, Camilla Carper, Annie Chanzy, Ohemaa Dixon, Yuan Fang, Jordyn Fishman, Bryan Fernandez, Clay Forever, Nico Gilmore, Joey Gonnella, Teng Yung Han, Rachel Hayden, Amorelle Jacox, Yirui Jia, Sean Kennedy, Berkley Kirsche, Wes Knoll, Alex Leav, Peter Mix, Juan Argango Palacios, TJ Purdy, Dylan Rose Rheingold, Isabelle Schipper, Sydney Shavers, Kiyomi Quinn Taylor, Chris Thomas, Skye Volmar, and Scout Zabinski.**

New Collectors is an art gallery that primarily features work by emerging artists. The gallery was founded on the premise that the art world is inherently difficult to penetrate, and there need to be more approachable ways for people to explore and buy artwork. The types of exhibitions have ranged widely in the gallery's first year; there have been shows with students from the School of Visual Arts MFA program, shows curated from open calls, and even exhibitions that utilize augmented reality to display NFTs. The gallery hopes to bring light to new ways of exhibiting while continuing to foster the careers of the artists it represents.