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EXPANDING SPACE

With **Carol Boram-Hays, Leslie Ford, Augustus Goertz, Arlene Santana, Gina Werfel and Gerald Wolfe.**

Concept by Priska Juschka.

Exhibition Dates: April 15 – May 15, 2021

Gallery Hours: Wednesday – Saturday, 12 – 6 pm; Tuesday & Sunday by appointment.

Press Release

Lichtundfire is pleased to present and welcomes all to EXPANDING SPACE, an exhibition with work in various media, painting, photography, sculpture, and works on paper, that addresses conceptually and visually complex ideas regarding the expansion of the space we inhabit, the world we perceive and the universe we imagine.

The Opening Reception coincides with the LES-wide event LES THIRD THURSDAY – Lower East Side Galleries Open till 8 pm.

The artists in the exhibition work in different ways with the understanding that what we may at times perceive as a *constant*, actually constantly expands. Whether it is our actual physical space by expanding as humans into the macro space, (space exploration for nothing less than new human habitats); and into the micro space (with particle physics or an expanded genetic code); or theoretically, into the speculative realm of science, religion, psychology or semiotics to mention a few.

Merely aware that Artificial Intelligence and Artificial Life are shaping our future, we face a world that keeps accelerating and expanding beyond the boundaries our own perception and understanding. How can we take an expanding universe for granted without questioning our own existence as solidified and unchangeable..?

Plato, in his *Allegory of the Cave*, already then - around 400 BC - alluded to our own misperception of who we are and what we perceive .. – ever mindful of astronomy, math and physics.

French philosopher Paul Virilio, ever mindful of Plato, wrote at the end of the 20th century, “Speed now illuminates reality whereas light once gave objects of the world their shape.” and “The speed of light does not merely transform the world. It becomes the world. Globalization is the speed of light.”

In the exhibition, the work addresses the expansion of an actual physical space on canvas, paper or in 3D as much as it goes beyond. It accentuates the experience of a visual expansion that translates into a metaphysical space and a metaphysical reality that keep moving the dial of time, the reach of the universe and the limits of our human consciousness.

Reception, Appointments & Walk-Ins must wear a mask and social distancing is required.

For additional information, images, events and to arrange an appointment, please contact Priska Juschka at 917.675.7835 or info@lichtundfire.com.

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