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## **STRATOSPHERE**

### **A 6-Year Gallery Anniversary Exhibition**

**With Gretl Bauer, Leslie Ford, Philip Gerstein, Augustus Goertz, Francie Lyshak, Bobbie Moline-Kramer, Lorien Suárez-Kanerva and Gerald Wolfe.**

**Concept by Priska Juschka.**

**Exhibition Dates: January 6 — January 29, 2022**

**OPENING RECEPTION: THURSDAY, JANUARY 6 from 5:30 — 8:30 PM**

#### Press Release:

**Lichtundfire** is happy to present and welcomes all to STRATOSPHERE, an exhibition with abstract work in various media, paintings, photography, sculpture, and works on paper, that addresses conceptually the fragile equilibrium between the atmospheric layers, and ultimately, the earth's and life's- as we know it- dependency on the balancing act within and between them.

While marking the gallery's 6-Year Anniversary since its first exhibition in November 2015 on 175 Rivington Street, this exhibition expands, both theoretically and visually, the concept of *lateral connections* between the individual works, their specific media and methods of expression, and the overall lateral connectivity of all.

The stratosphere is a region of intense interactions among radiative, dynamical and chemical processes, in which the horizontal mixing of components proceeds much more rapidly than does vertical mixing. Contemporary societies are eager to find vertical connections between all areas of human existence, often neglecting and rarely emphasizing a horizontal view of things. *Lateral thinking* as well as *lateral seeing* seems to be in need to be acquired if humanity should persist to exist. Without lateral strategies, climate change, species extinction, displacement of civilizations, cultural decimation, information and political oppression, impending wars, and pandemics— cannot be addressed nor their looming courses can be altered.

The work in this exhibition, comprised of a range of media, is indicative of Lichtundfire's program over the years; it emphasizes the concept of *lateral curation* whereby all works/parts, without losing their individual strength, become *one* in a dynamic exchange of color, medium, size etc..

Such as the resistance to vertical mixing means that a region is stratified, this exhibition seeks to conceptually and visually withstand the verticalization of the concept and the singularization of the work — to create, such as the layer of the Stratosphere, an overall 'single-celled' visual circulation — while promoting and perpetuating the idea of *one* aesthetic experience.

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Contact: Priska Juschka, [info@lichtundfire.com](mailto:info@lichtundfire.com), Tel. 917.675.7835  
Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 12 – 6 pm  
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About Lichtundfire:

**Lichtundfire** was established in 2015, with a visual program emphasizing on nonrepresentational, conceptual, and abstract art; especially minimal, color field, geometrical, straight edge, abstract expressionist painting, lyrical abstraction, and process work.

By its exhibitions, Lichtundfire's program is dedicated to developing and nurturing an active, engaged, progressive, and emancipated art community that addresses cultural and social realities as expressed through visual arts.

Beyond its carefully curated visual program, Lichtundfire seeks to actively connect with other parts of the creative community, especially in the field of poetry, literature, philosophy and Critical Theory.

For additional information, images, events or an appointment, please contact Priska Juschka at 917.675.7835 or [info@lichtundfire.com](mailto:info@lichtundfire.com).

**Reception Attendees, Appointments & Walk-Ins must Wear a Mask at all times.**

General Gallery Hours: Tuesday — Saturday, 12 — 6 pm.

General Gallery Info:

**Address & Directions:** Lichtundfire, 175 Rivington Street (between Clinton & Attorney), New York, New York 10002, and subway Stop: F/M and/or Essex J/Z

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