

You are invited to see the work of NORDIC 5 arts in two exhibitions



Image details, left to right: *Letter in Runes*, Jenny Wantuch, *Domination*, Ulla de Larios, *Warp and Weft*, Marc Ellen Hamel, *In Flight*, Matlena Hourula, *Seeing the Fields of Seeing*, Jason Engelund.

Adobe Art Gallery and PhotoCentral Gallery present the work of Nordic 5 Arts: a group of professional artists, primarily of Nordic/Scandinavian descent and born in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.

Adobe Art Gallery will showcase *Runes Revealed—Contemporary Artists Respond to an Ancient Alphabet: A Mixed-Media Exhibition by Nordic 5 Arts*. The artists' work in this show was inspired by the ancient Norse runes, the distinctive form of writing that is no longer in use. The runic alphabet was the script of the Old Norse and the Vikings before the introduction of the Latin alphabet in the 12th century. It was not only a simple representation of sounds, but each rune was imbued with symbolism, mystery and an association with specific gods in Norse mythology.

PhotoCentral Gallery will feature select works by members of Nordic 5 Arts. Exhibiting artists at both galleries include: Patricia Bengtson-Jones, Kati Casida, Colette Crutcher, Ulla de Larios, Olivia Eielson, Jason Engelund, Ellen Faris, Pam Fingado, Norma Fox, Marc Ellen Hamel, Russell Herrman, Maj-Britt Hilstrom, Matlena Hourula, Debra Jewell, Kirstin Lindseth, Maj-Britt Mobrand, Karen Olsen, Loren Rehbock, Diane Rusnak, Helene Sobol, Barbara Stevens Strauss, Elizabeth Stokkebye, Helena Tiainen, Jenny Wantuch and Lee Williams.

For more information on Nordic 5 Arts, please visit www.nordic5arts.com.

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Runes Revealed—Contemporary Artists Respond to an Ancient Alphabet: A Mixed-Media Exhibition by Nordic 5 Arts

Exhibit Dates: December 2, 2017–January 13, 2018 Reception: Saturday, December 2, 1–3 P.M.

Adobe Art Gallery

20395 San Miguel Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94546 | (510) 881-6736
adobegallery.org | adobegallery@haywardrec.org
Exhibit hours: Thursday–Saturday, 11:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M. and by appointment

Nordic 5 Arts: Select Works

Exhibit Dates: November 30, 2017–January 5, 2018

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