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Silas Marder Gallery is pleased to announce the 9th annual group exhibition **The Big Show**, opening Saturday, May 16 and on view through Saturday June 20, 2014. A reception for the artists will be held on Saturday, May 16, from 4-8 pm, with live music by the Peter Watrous Trio from 5-7pm.

Each year the gallery invites over 50 national and international artists to participate in The Big Show to present an eclectic mix of emerging and established talent. Participating artists are each given three 8 x 10 inch blank canvases, and offered little direction beyond "working from their current series." Some artists choose to experiment in this format, while others are accustomed to the small scale and traditional materials.

The presentation of a diverse group of artists in a single exhibition is what generates the energetic charge of the Big Show. The intention is to encourage connections, not only between artists, but also across communities, mediums, and concepts. Included in this season's exhibit are works made from concrete, steel, acrylic polymer, textile, weaving and industrial detritus.

According to Marder, being raised here on the East End inspired this annual exhibition. "The area is rich with art historical connections, and we want to continue that tradition." The Big Show has become a favorite local exhibition, attracting hundreds of visitors and artists from near and far on its opening weekend.

This year's exhibition will feature works by Sydney Albertini, Noah Becker, Eric Brown, Charles Browning, Richmond Burton, Don Christensen, Amanda Church, Jim Condron, Michelle D'Ermo, Casey Dalene, Louise Eastman, Sabra Moon Elliott, Bethany Fancher, Mark Freedman, Saskia Medina Friedrich, Theadora Frost, Kym Fulmer, Tara Geer, Dan Gluibizzi, Eric Great-Rex, Kurt Gumaer, Candace Hill, Virva Hinnemo, Nicholas Howey, Elizabeth Huey, Colin Hunt, Janet Jennings, Laurie Lambrecht, Pia Ledy, Gerson Leiber, Christine Lidrbauch, Vincent Longo, Steve Loschen, Miguel Martinez Riddle, Steve Martinez, Jason Middlebrook, Adrienne Mim, Christopher Saunders, Kristin Schattenfield Rein, Christine Sciulli, Roy Secord, Susan Siegel, Wendy Small, TL Solien, Adam Stennett, Gin Stone, Kathryn Stietmann, James B. Thompson, Angela Valeria, Ross Watts, Mark Wilson and Evan Desmond Yee.

The show will run through June 21st. For more information, contact the gallery at 631.702.2306 or info@silasmarder.com.

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