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**TORRANCE ART MUSEUM PRESENTS**

**ADJACENT, ADJACENT | Plaza Mirage II | Sprouts, sown days ago**

**December 7-21, 2019**

**Opening Reception: Saturday, December 7, 6-9pm**



**VENUE: Torrance Art Museum**

**LOCATION: 3320 Civic Center Dr, Torrance, CA**

**DATES: December 7-21, 2019**

**Opening Reception Saturday, December 7 from 6-9pm**

**Artist Walkthrough Saturday, December 14 from 1-3pm**

**TORRANCE, CA – Torrance Art Museum (TAM)** closes out the year with a run of special exhibitions from December 7-21. TAM's Main Gallery hosts **Adjacent, Adjacent**, a culminating exhibition of *FORUM 2019*, a 10-month mentorship program with a cohort of fourteen art professionals. Gallery Two hosts **Plaza Mirage II**, featuring brand new works by artists Zach Trow and Theresa Sterner. The Dark Room features a series of video and document clips pertaining to *FORUM 2019* events.

### **Main Gallery – Adjacent, Adjacent**

**Adjacent, Adjacent** is a reflection on relationships between the participants of the *FORUM 2019*, some of whom will carry forward beyond the exhibition as the art collective *Museum Adjacent*. The exhibition provokes the artists to consider where they are (both in location and career trajectory) and how that relates to what they make.

FORUM is an annual 10-month mentorship residency for emerging artists, curators, gallerists and writers who wish to build a career in contemporary art. This empowering program is designed as a practical guide to navigating the art world via Q&A sessions with successful professionals (artists, curators, critics and gallerists), culminating with an exhibition in the Main Gallery of the Torrance Art Museum, with the program's participants. More information about the program and applications for *FORUM 2020* are now available at: [www.TorranceArtMuseum.com/forum](http://www.TorranceArtMuseum.com/forum).

The *FORUM 2019* participants are: Henderson Blumer, Leslie Foster, Kim Garcia, Sharon Levy, Kim Marra, Hagop Najarian, Larissa Nickel, Dakota Noot, Amoral Poem (Devion Law & Joshua Ross), Molly Schulman, Christina Shurts, Josh Vasquez, and Surge Witrön.

### **Gallery Two – Plaza Mirage II**

In **Plaza Mirage II**, Zach Trow and Theresa Sterner work collaboratively to articulate the landscape of Isamu Noguchi's commissioned public plazas through fragments and facsimiles, exploring themes of leisure vs. labor, maintenance as ritual, and the void. They are interested in the functional life these public spaces serve to the surrounding community as well the evidence of daily use. Through images and observations, an installation of sculptures are presented that tow the line between model, monument, and utilitarian object.

### **Dark Room – Sprouts, sown days ago**

The Dark Room features a series of video works pertaining to the participants of *FORUM 2019* events and activities leading up to *Adjacent, Adjacent*: documentation from previous exhibitions, event openings, conversations between curators and artists, and clips of previous works by the artists involved in *FORUM 2019*.

**Exhibition run from December 7 – 21, 2019**

**The opening reception will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 6-9pm**

**An Artist Walkthrough will be held on Saturday, December 14 from 1-3pm**

For more information, please visit: [TorranceArtMuseum.com](http://TorranceArtMuseum.com)

### **About the Torrance Art Museum:**

Founded in 2005, the Torrance Art Museum is the premier visual art space to view contemporary art in the South Bay. The museum encourages all people to develop and increase their understanding and appreciation for contemporary art by hosting artist talks, lectures, and symposia. Through its emphasis on contemporary artistic expression in Southern California and globally, the Torrance Art Museum brings together visual artists and community members; fosters experiences in the arts to strengthen creative and critical thinking skills; and builds bridges between the visual arts and other disciplines in the humanities and sciences. Torrance Art Museum is a program of the City of Torrance Cultural Services Division of the Community Services Department.

For more information visit [www.TorranceArtMuseum.com](http://www.TorranceArtMuseum.com) or call 310-618-6388.

#### Museum Hours:

Tuesday - Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Admission to the Torrance Art Museum is Free.

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