

## New work by Marcy Cook and Claire Chauvin: Opening Reception with the Artists

Robert Lawrence Designs

1607 Dragon Street, Dallas Tx 75207

Thursday June 20, 2019 5 – 8 pm, there will be an informal Q&A with the artists starting at 6:30



Robert Lawrence Designs (RLD) is pleased to welcome Dallas-based artist Marcy Cook and Houston-based artist Claire Chauvin to the showroom for their summer long exhibition of new work.

Since the beginning of this year, Marcy Cook has been working with a technique that is a departure from her well-known painting style, but closer to her roots as a floral designer. Beginning with a blind-contour drawing, Cook has mastered utilizing colorful cut collage elements to create fragmented shape renderings of elegant floral still life's with an emphasis on color play and negative space. Cook says, "I've never been able to explain so well how I see color, especially as it exists in floral - until now. It's honestly been such an amazing tool to communicate." Cook will have 6 new large-scale collage works inspired by the Dutch Master's floral still life paintings for the 17<sup>th</sup> century, made exclusively for RLD showcasing this elegant and new process.

Claire Chauvin creates colorful enigmatic still life photographs inspired by "Pretty birds, Glowing screens, Post millennial anxiety". Chauvin's work is at once subtle and loud, direct yet shy, alive but dying. Her subject matter varies from skulls encased in neon plexiglass, to bright geometric shapes paired with tropical flora. Everyday materials exist alongside the exotic, set in a gentle gradient of an endless monotone landscape. "To say that Claire Chauvin's work is only about death, form, or anxiety about the future is somehow too simple. They are all of that. . . Something vaguely alchemical lurks in the negative

space, willing the viewer to discover the key to the mysteries within. Time passes through these images.” Chauvin will have 12 new photographic works showing the breadth of her unique visual language.

A public reception and informal artist talk will be hosted at the Robert Lawrence Designs Showroom on Dragon Street on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 8 PM with the artist talks beginning at 6:30 PM. Drinks and light bites will be provided.

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Marcy Cook received a BFA in painting from Baylor University. After 6+ years of floral + event design work at her company, Stems of Dallas, Marcy now works as a full-time artist at her studio based in Dallas, Texas.

Born in Corpus Christi, Texas, Claire Chauvin spent most of her childhood and adolescence living in Norway, Cameroon, Indonesia, and Scotland. She now lives and works in Houston, Texas. She received her Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Houston in 1997. She is a resident at Box13 Artspace in Houston.

Since 2006, Robert-Lawrence Designs has been supplying the interior design community of Texas and surrounding states with high quality silk and dried floral arrangements, artificial plants and custom-made trees. Robert- Lawrence also offers a hand-picked line of accessories to complete your home's look, no matter the style. In 2018, RLD began hosting artist talks and offering a rotating selection of contemporary art in various styles with the goal of providing a platform for fresh talent.

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