

## **Caroline Roberts : Artist Talk and Reception**

Robert Lawrence Designs

1607 Dragon Street, Dallas Tx 75207

Thursday, January 24, 2019

6:00 – 8:30 PM

Artist talk beginning at 6:30 PM

Robert Lawrence Designs (RLD) is pleased to welcome Houston-based artist Caroline Roberts and her new body of work "*Botanical Garden*", to Dallas this January.

After moving our showroom to Dragon Street one year ago, RLD is excited to launch an art program dedicated to bringing contemporary artists and artwork the city. As a silk floral design studio, our showroom is filled with high end artificial flora creating a nature inspired interior. For our first set of programming, we want to extend this lush expanse of everlasting flora to the walls – by offering the botanical themed contemporary artwork of Caroline Roberts.

Roberts explores our relationship with the natural world and plants in particular with her unique approach to the lumen printing process. She places plants gathered in her surroundings on the light-sensitive paper as it exposes creating a photogram, a camera-less photograph. Exposure conditions such as light level and humidity affect the color change of the paper as much as the chemistry, making each print unique and unrepeatable.

These colorful and ethereal images transform nature into a ghostly recording of time and place that last long after the cutting of the plant withers. This series celebrates the forms of plants as well as the clear link between the object and the image, the visual mark of its presence and now absence. Chance and a spirit of inquiry continue to inform her work as she manipulates and disrupts photographic processes to record samples of the natural world.

A public reception and artist talk will be hosted at the Robert Lawrence Designs Showroom on Dragon on Thursday, January 24, 6 – 8:30 PM with the artist talk beginning at 6:30 PM.

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Born in the United Kingdom, Caroline Roberts lives and works in Houston, Texas. She received her Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Houston in 2015. She has exhibited her work in solo and group exhibitions throughout Texas including the Lawndale Art Center in 2016. She is a currently a resident artist at Box13 Artspace in Houston.

Robert Lawrence Designs is a silk floral design studio located in the heart of the Dallas Design District. Since 2006, RLD has been supplying the interior design community 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 the home's look, no matter the style.

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