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EXHIBITION: *Slumber with a Key*

EXHIBITION DATES: July 18-August 29, 2020

GALLERY HOURS: Tuesday-Saturday, 11:00-5:00 by appointment

ADDRESS: MINNESOTA STREET PROJECT, 1275 MINNESOTA STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA, 94107

JACK FISCHER GALLERY PRESENTS—SLUMBER WITH A KEY, A COLLABORATIVE GROUP SHOW OF ARTIST'S INTERPRETING ONE ANOTHER'S DREAMS, ON VIEW FROM JULY 18-August 29, 2020.

SAN FRANCISCO— Jack Fischer Gallery is pleased to announce *Slumber with a Key*, a group exhibition that draws on surrealist tendencies to delve into the subconscious and generate imagery from dreams. In dark times, artists have frequently turned to dreams as a source of inspiration, a retreat from reason, and a space for exploring imagination and desire. The exhibition's title draws from Salvador Dali's manual, *50 Secrets of Magic Craftsmanship*, which aimed to provoke encounters with the subconscious. When "slumbering with a key," the artist took a brief nap "less than a quarter of a second long" to channel the fluid space between wake and sleep. According to Dali, in this liminal space, sensations and perceptions of the day re-surfaced as hypnagogic images.

As the surrealists did in the 1930s, the artists in *Slumber with a Key* exploit the unpredictable outcomes of chance and collaboration in an effort to subvert the "rational" world. For the show, each participating artist contributed a dream to be dropped into a hat and redistributed to another artist. Seven artists from the Jack Fischer gallery each invited an artist from outside the gallery roster to participate, fostering a chain reaction. The resulting show presents each artist's interpretation of another artist's dream in a range of media including collage, painting and sculpture. Despite using different media and approaches, the work is connected by imagined psychological spaces that excavate the human psyche and undermine reason.

*Slumber with a Key* displays a constellation of diverse works and media that collectively evoke the experience of dreaming. Through playful collaboration, the 13 artists from across the United States and Europe undermine the complacency of our times. As Jorge Luis Borges said, the artists in the show "admit [to]...the hallucinatory character of the world--" a world that is in dire need of re-examination and re-invention. Participating

artists include Mari Andrews, Eiko Borchering, Marc D'Estout, Robert Hardgrave, Catie O'Leary, Leif Low-Beer, Victoria May, Gina Pearlin, Beverly Rayner, Walter Robinson, Martin Scholten, Vanessa Woods and Balint Zsako. The exhibition will be on view, by appointment, from July 18-August 29, 2020. Programming around the show will also be made available via instagram TV and other remote platforms.

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