

THE IW GALLERY
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EVES in Conversation

Sculptures by Jacques Jarrige / Photographs by Alex Korolkovas

Inaugurating The IW GALLERY, spearheaded by Vida Sabbaghi, Art Director at 630 Flushing, Valerie Goodman Gallery presents *EVES in Conversation*. This exhibit, a collaboration between artists, models, and activists celebrates creative alchemy, the coming together of multiple talents, as in a theatrical production, to produce a work of art greater than its parts.

Parisian sculptor Jacques Jarrige—widely known for his sinuous furniture and sculptures- will present a new kinetic piece inspired by Rodin’s *Eternal Idol*, (Adam and Eve). The work consists of two sculptures in motion, talking to each other. Made of ribbons of hand hammered aluminum riveted together, they are arranged to allow the public to circulate and interact with the living environment; touching is encouraged.

The front of the gallery features a series of photographs. Jarrige, turned his hand to jewelry with a collection of calligraphic necklaces, bracelets, earrings, rings, and headpieces made of hammered brass, gold-plated brass, and silver. Inspired by these wearable sculptures, Brazilian photographer Alex Korolkovas has gone a step further calling upon three dynamic women to help him create a series of photographs that not only celebrate Jarrige’s jewelry, but also reexamine our preconceptions about Beauty.

Korolkovas explains: “Valerie and Jacques gave me total freedom of expression, which is rare. And the models provided an energy, and connection with Jacques’ work, that was full of artistic vibes.” Jarrige elaborates: “I love when arts combine to form bridges. The title, *EVES*, was chosen for this reason—in the Bible, the figure of Eve represents how creation was achieved by the coming together of two people. The photographs also show how my pieces become one with the body, like physical attributes.”

Korolkovas’s muses are Lara Gerin, a Brazilian model and creative director; Mari Malek, the founder of Stand For Education, an organization seeking to empower underprivileged children through education and arts with special focus on girls, as well as, building schools in South Sudan; and Diandra Forrest, an ambassador for Salif Keita’s Global Foundation, an international network dedicated to raising awareness about Albinism and its associated issues, including health concerns, negative stereotypes, and cultural prejudices that lead to discrimination, persecution, and even infanticide.

The exhibit opens on October 14, with a reception from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. The exhibit runs until November 21, 2021.

A portion of sales of Jarrige’s jewelry and Korolkovas’ photographs will benefit the two organizations.

Every visitor will be asked to show proof of vaccination, to gain access to THE IW GALLERY. We will have masks to distribute if needed.

ABOUT THE IW GALLERY

THE IW GALLERY located at 630 Flushing Avenue, Brooklyn, NY works with local and international cultural institutions to provide opportunities for artists and designers.

For additional information, please contact The IW Gallery at info@theiwgallery.com

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Valerie Goodman discovers exceptional artists, unleashes their creativity, and introduces their work to the world.

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