

Camera Obscura Resident Artists Offer Workshops in Santa Monica

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January 29, 2018 -- Santa Monica's Camera Obscura Art Lab continues its weekly workshops with resident artists Debra Disman and Huong Nguyen, who also will be working during the week on their residency projects.

Disman, a Los Angeles-based artist working primarily in the form of the book, is working on a series of sculptures in book format.

"For her Art Lab project she is continuing a series of works that progressively investigate the emotional, sensory and evocative aspects of the book format," event organizers said.

The featured artist for the Los Angeles Big Read in 2016, Disman exhibited at the Mike Kelley Gallery at Beyond Baroque in Venice. In 2017 she was commissioned by the Los Angeles Craft and Folk Art Museum to create an interactive book for "Chapters: Book Arts in Southern California."

Nguyen, a visual artist with roots in the textiles industry, is experimenting with dyeing and manipulating paper and fabric.

"Her studio work brings a contemporary aesthetic and spirit of inquiry to ancient material and design traditions, with an emphasis on the essential and hand-made," organizers said..

Nguyen is creating textile and paper work that "uses traditional Asian craft techniques such as Shibori (Japanese tie-dye), Katagami (Japanese stencil making) and Joomchi (Korean paper felting), with shapes and colors inspired by flora and fauna of Santa Monica."

She holds a BFA from RISD in textile design and works in printmaking, design and other forms.

Run by the City's Cultural Affairs Division, Camera Obscura's Studio Artist Residency program "connects the public with artists and artisans working within and between the worlds of fine art and craft," the lab's officials said.

Resident Artists share their work with the public informally and through public workshops and events.

The lab is located at 1450 Ocean Avenue in Palisades Park, between Broadway & Santa Monica Boulevard four blocks from the Downtown Santa Monica Expo Line Station. Parking is

available nearby at Structure 6 and is \$2.75 for 3 hours.

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