



Art Gallery

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TERRA

West Orange, New Jersey, January 5, 2010 - The New Jersey Arts Incubator is proud to present its second contemporary art exhibition TERRA curated by Lorena La Grassa.

This prestigious collective exhibition will be on view from **February 20 through March 20 at the New Jersey Arts Incubator Gallery located at 495 Prospect Avenue, Essex Green Shopping Center, West Orange, NJ. Open Saturday and Sunday 1pm to 5pm and by appointment.**

Meet the artists at a reception Saturday, February 20 from 6pm to 9pm. A closing night reception will be held on March 20th from 6pm – 9pm and will feature a musical performance by Universe of the Oankali Omnitet.

The term *Terra* comes with different meanings - from planet Earth, to soil, from the land of origins to the land of ownership. From religious; Terra Mater (Mother Earth) or Tellus, or Gaia, a goddess personifying the Earth in Roman and Greek mythology, to scientific as Mother Nature with its ineluctable force. Twelve selected artists explore the many perspectives related to this subject using a variety of media from 2-D, mixed media, 3-D installation and sculpture. This exhibition gives an overview of the concepts of *Terra* as a common ground that unites humanity with the consideration of the idea of *Terra* as a common gene between all cultures, religions and races.

A complete list of artists showing in the exhibit include Krystle Lemonias, Susan Lisbin, Julie Joy Saypoff, Helaine Soller, Lisa G Westheimer, Hollie Heller, Bill Westheimer, vanOs, Mike Malbrough, Jody Lee, Robert Lach, Mansa Mussa, Carol BlackLemon, Heidi Sussman, Doreen Valenza, Guerilla Galleries and Kathleen Heron.

Terra is a unique contemporary art exhibit that is part of the New Jersey Arts Incubator's initiatives to provide visibility for local and non-local, established and emerging artists highlighting the important social role of art in the city of West Orange, Essex County, as well as the wider community of the state of New Jersey.

The New Jersey Arts Incubator's mission is the economic development of artists and arts organizations through technical assistance, employment, marketing, programming, performance, and education in an effort to support, sustain, and promote viable arts agencies to act as economic drivers in communities across the State of New Jersey.

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