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In conjunction with Blue Roof Studios' Arts Festival  
**Big City Forum is pleased to present "RADIANT" a group show curated by Leonardo Bravo  
June 23 to July 7, 2018**

Artists Reception, Thursday June 21, 6 to 9.  
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Blue Roof Studios Art Festival, Saturday, June 23, 12:00 to 5:00pm, 7329 S. Broadway Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90003

June, 2018. **Leonardo Bravo and Big City Forum present "RADIANT"**, an exhibition that aims to celebrate the Summer Solstice, how we honor the light, our connection to the earth, the sun, and to each other. Through the various methods, approaches, strategies, and sensibilities embodied in each artists' works, they speak to the ways in which the arts can deeply connect to the context in which it is created, stimulating ideas, reflection, and meaning making. The artists in the exhibition function as our conscience, our innovators, our healers, our chance takers and activists reminding us of the transformative power of the arts. In both direct and oblique ways their works aim at presenting the emergence of potentiality, of new forms, of a space in which the individual and the collective have the power to nurture and sustain putting new imaginaries into the world.

The exhibit will include works by: **Sharon Barnes, Spencer Carmona, Enrique Castrejon, Claire Colette, Sam Comen, Yasmine Diaz, Sid M. Dueñas, Rachel Duvall, Catherine Fairbanks, Helen Rebekah Garber, Daniel Gibson, Rhiannon Griego, Rema Ghuloum, Maria Guzman Capron, Lorenzo Hurtado Segovia,, Thomas Linder, Jacob Melchi, Stephen Neidich, Devon Oder, Chinwe Okona, Ruby Osorio, Lydia Maria Pfeffer, Hannah Plotke , Debra Scacco, Jessica Simmons, Mariangeles Soto-Diaz, Cammie Staros, Christine Wang, and Iris Yirei Hu.**

The Artists' Reception on Thursday, June 21 will also include: an exhibit curated by **Bettina Hubby** from **Curatorial Hub** featuring a diverse selection of works under \$500 by well-known and emerging artists from Los Angeles and beyond; and **Kristine Schomaker** of **Shoebox PR** will curate **"IMAGINE"** a show of works by artists from her community of artists. Blue Roof Studios resident artists **Diana Sanchez, Terri Klass, Jacqueline Palafox, Zemer Peled** and **Beverly Morrison** will open their studios. In addition, the evening will present installations by guest artist **Corazon Del Sol** in collaboration with **Marguerita Drexel** and **Linda Franke**.

The exhibition is organized in conjunction with the Blue Roof Studios Arts Festival which highlights the richness and diversity of arts in South Los Angeles and its commitment to foster and amplify creativity, connection, and inclusion within this community of Los Angeles. Free and open to the public, the festival will also feature contemporary street performance, traditional African master drummers, outdoor and indoor art installations, resident artists' open studios, art-making workshops, culinary arts, and a curated art bazaar exhibiting the works of local artists.

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For more information and a complete list of participants and schedule of events, visit <https://www.bluroofstudios.org/blue-roof-studios-arts-festival/>

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