

# Dear Being

LAST PROJECTS LOS ANGELES

**March 15 – April 12, 2024**

**Opening Reception: Friday, March 15, 7–11 pm**

Group exhibition including work by Becky Brown, Dakota Gearhart, Lauren Goldenberg Longoria, Sue Huang, Alystair Rogers, Hanae Utamura, & Wendi Yan

Curated by Yola Monakhov Stockton

How do we picture the political economy of non-human beings? Can we speak of the collective bargaining of plants and mollusks, the labor of fungi, the advocacy of minerals? What representational systems diagram the porous, interwoven nature of their social networks, seeing these not as separate, but as heartfelt, integral subjectivities that we share?

These questions form amid the balmy vapor of ecological malaise and the viscous brine of our politics. The artists in this exhibition speculate, bend, hybridize and reclaim. They respond to models of scarcity with models of abundance and pleasure. They pose alternative solidarities and invitations to critically reclaim systems of connectivity. Questioning a Darwinian paradigm of survival of the fittest, this show summons spaces of reclamation and relearning, making way for experiences that are hybrid, wild, interdependent, queer, and speculative.

The work presented challenges its own formal boundaries, and includes inventive approaches to video, sculpture, painting, and new media, all within a growing language of interconnected ecologies. The show brings together alternative frameworks of plentitude in an artist-run gallery space in Boyle Heights dedicated to community empowerment. The show explores how new applications of abundance can help us chart alternative paths through the climate crisis, and how modes of care – for beings, form, and language – allow for collective growth and rebirth.

**Last Projects is located at 206 S Ave 20, Los Angeles, CA 90031.** Gallery is open Saturday & Sunday, 1–6 PM and by appointment.

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Courtesy of Dakota Gearhart "Life Touching Life," 2023

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Artwork left to right: Dakota Gearhart, Becky Brown



Artwork left to right: Yola Monakhov Stockton, Becky Brown, Hanae Utamura  
Front: Alystair Rogers, Lauren Goldenberg Longoria, Sue Huang



Artwork wall: Yola Monakhov Stockton  
Front: Lauren Goldenberg Longoria