



Open Source Gallery, Inc - 501(c)(3) Organization
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Gallery Hours: Wednesday - Saturday: 2pm - 7pm

DIMENSIONS VARIABLE: MULTIDISCIPLINARY

September 1-24

Opening Reception: Thursday, September 1, 7-9pm

Artists in the exhibition include: Naomi Fisher (BFI); Kristen Thiele, Robert Thiele, Francesco Casale (Bridge Red Studios); Frances Trombly, Leyden Rodriguez-Casanova (Dimensions Variable); Francie Bishop Good, Michelle Weinberg, Sarah Michelle Rupert (Girls' Club); Domingo Castillo, Lorie Beltran (Noguchi Breton)

Dimensions Variable presents *Multidisciplinary*, a collaborative exhibition at Open Source Gallery.

There's sometimes a misconception that artists should only have a studio practice and should follow a traditional path often specified by the art establishment. However, artists who engage in activities beyond the studio reflect the true tradition of artistic practice documented throughout art history. Artists have always been writers, critics, curators, organizers and initiators of change outside the studio. From founding historically important cultural spaces and curating exhibitions that changed the course of art history, artists have always been at the helm.

Multidisciplinary was conceived as a response to the Open Source 2016 program which invited international artist-run projects to curate its entire season. With this concept in mind, Dimensions Variable amplified the idea and invited a select group of artist-run spaces in South Florida. The idea is not to invite them to curate special projects, but rather to include the work of the artists who run these projects as a way to honor their work and what they bring to the community. The diverse works in the exhibition reflect the practices and interests of all these "multidisciplinary" artists. They engage the community within and beyond their studio practice contributing vital programming to the contemporary art landscape in South Florida.



Lorie Beltran, *Medieval Woman*, 2015, oil on magazine page, 9"x11"

Dimensions Variable (DV) is an exhibition space committed to the presentation and support of contemporary art in Miami. Through a collaborative exchange with artists and institutions, DV develops an exhibition program that engages the community and promotes new and experimental ideas. DV was founded in 2009 by artists Frances Trombly and Leyden Rodriguez-Casanova, who currently serve as directors.

Bas Fisher Invitational (BFI) is an artist-run space dedicated to creativity, experimentation, and discourse in contemporary art. BFI aims to create a bridge between Miami and the International art world by curating a program that alternates between the local and the global. Naomi Fisher's (director) work spans painting, drawing performance, photography, video and site-specific installation.

Bridge Red Studios is an artists' complex in North Miami. Bridge Red is run by sculptor and painter Robert Thiele, his daughter, painter Kristen Thiele, and his son-in-law, photographer and graphic designer Francesco Casale. Kristen Thiele, Robert Thiele and Francesco Casale, the co-directors of Bridge Red Studios.

Girls' Club is a non-profit private foundation and alternative exhibition space that educates and nurtures the careers of contemporary female artists and act as a resource for artist, curators, writers, students, scholars and the community. Michelle Weinberg (creative director), Francie Bishop Good (founder) and Sarah Michelle Rupert (gallery director) are visual artists.

Noguchi Breton was founded in 2013 and located in the Little Haiti district of Miami. Noguchi Breton presents creative content that reflects and critiques the regional and vernacular culture of South Florida. Lorie Beltran and Domingo Castillo are co-directors and co-founders of Noguchi Breton.