

## Helen Rae

Born 1938.

Born in 1938, Helen Rae has been creating art since 1990 at First Street Gallery and Art Center, a progressive art studio for adults with developmental disabilities, now located in Upland, CA.

Her drawings, in colored pencil and graphite, are immediately striking for their vivid imagery, resonant use of color and innovative reworking of source material. Using fashion advertisements as a point of departure for otherworldly journeys into the subconscious, Helen transforms the original images into something uniquely expressive, which possess a strange beauty and power.

Helen had her first sold out solo exhibition at The Good Luck Gallery in 2015 and in 2017 received her first New York solo exhibition at White Columns. Helen's work has been included in numerous group exhibitions throughout the United States, Scotland, Belgium, Japan and Paris and she has received features in Vogue, Vulture, and The Los Angeles Times among many other publications.

### SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2019

*Summer Exhibition: Recent Works*, Andrew Edlin Gallery, New York, NY

2018

*Ladies on Ladies*, exhibition from the collection of Charles-Henri Filippi, Art Absolument, Paris, France

Recipient of the Wynn Newhouse Award

*Beyond the Bouquet*, Descanso Gardens Sturt Haaga Gallery, La Cañada Flintridge, CA

2017

*Helen Rae*, solo exhibition White Columns, New York

*Art and Advocacy: To Be Developmentally Disabled (TBD)*, California Museum, presented in partnership with the California Disability Community Action Network (CDCAN) and Choices Person Centered Services with the California Person Centered Advocacy Partnership, Claraty Arts and The Art of Autism, Sacramento, CA

2016

Outsider Art Fair, Paris, France

*Nothing Compares To You*, Riverview School, East Sandwich, MA (Figurative works from the collection of Martin and Rebecca Eisenberg)

*Helen Rae*, solo exhibition, The Good Luck Gallery Los Angeles, CA

Outsider Art Fair, New York, NY

2015

*Helen Rae*, solo exhibition, The Good Luck Gallery Los Angeles, CA

2014

*Full Circle: 25 Years of First Street Gallery & CGU*, group exhibition, East and Peggy Phelps Galleries, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA

2012

*About Face*, group exhibition, Acme, Los Angeles, CA

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## **SELECTED COLLECTIONS**

Martin and Rebecca Eisenberg