



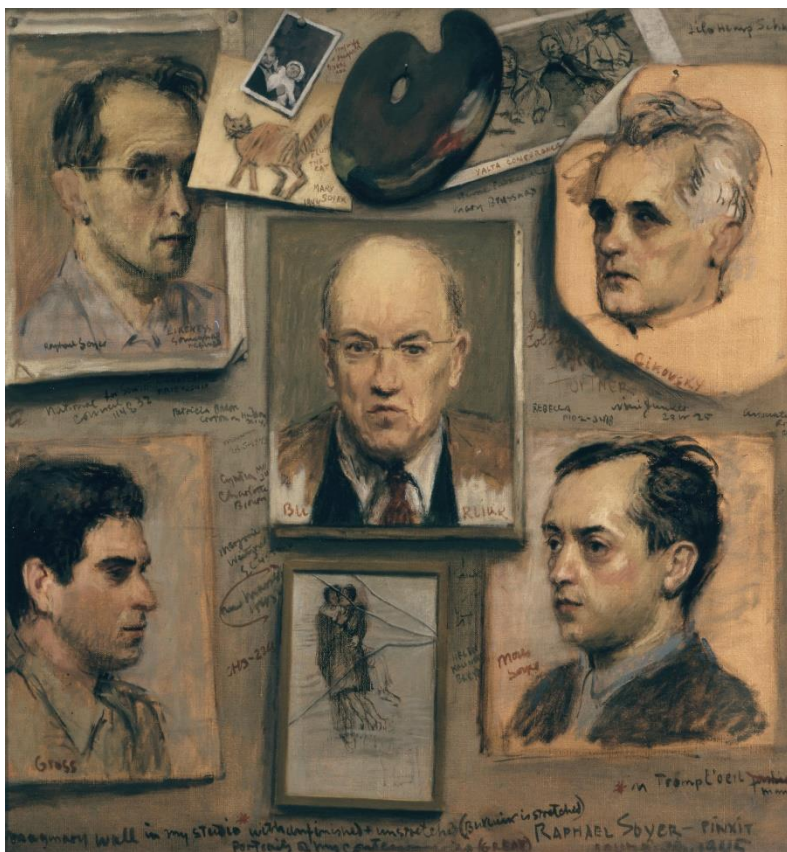
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ARTISTS BY ARTISTS
The Artist as Subject

January 20 – February 24, 2018



Raphael Soyer, *Imaginary Wall in My Studio*, 1947, oil on canvas, 27 x 26 inches

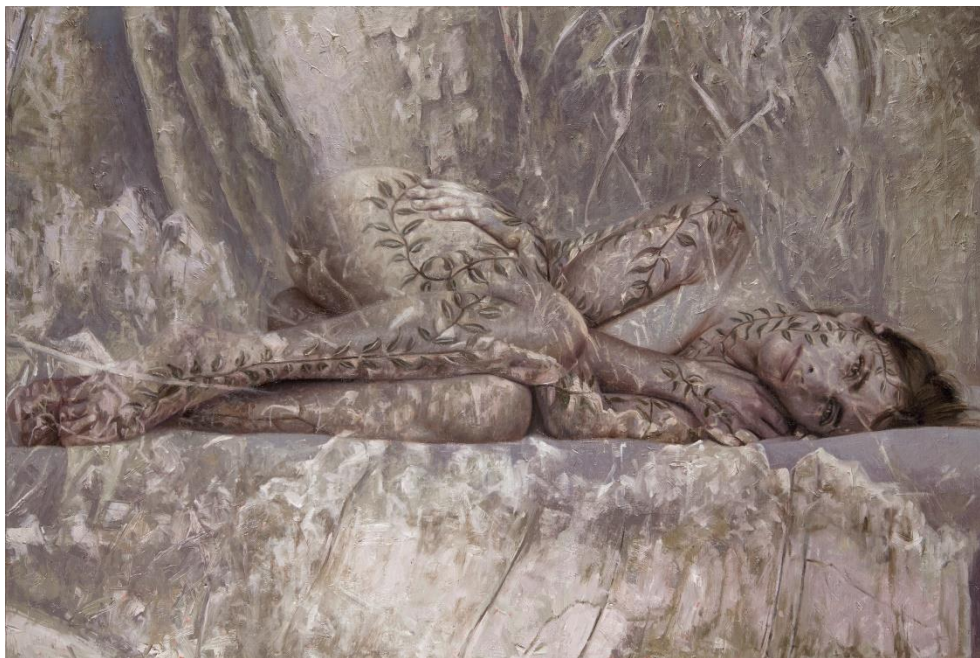
New York, NY – Forum Gallery will present *Artists by Artists*, an exhibition of nearly 50 works of art by artists using other artists as their subjects. From the earliest work in the show, a 1905 portrait by John Singer Sargent of Lady Alice Lowther, to Alyssa Monks'

freshly completed painting of Betsy Eby, this exhibition reminds us that portraiture is as compelling and vital a discipline today as it has been throughout history.

Friendship, comradery, fascination and respect are united in many of the works on display as the creators portray the sometimes conflicting emotional and aesthetic connections they feel to the subjects they have chosen. The extraordinary strength of Alex Melamid's portrait of *50 Cent* (2015) is matched by the serenity of Pablo Picasso's 1942 drawing of his muse, painter and photographer Dora Maar; while the lighthearted satire of Philip Evergood's 1946 *Cup of Tea*, a painting of the artist Lily Harmon, contrasts with the elegant reverence of Bo Bartlett's 2017 painting of Andrew Wyeth. The exhibition includes exceptionally humorous works by David Levine and Jane Lund as well as imaginative and quite serious paintings by Michael Leonard and Raphael Soyer, whose *Imaginary Wall in my Studio* (1947) depicts five prominent American artists of the period.

The exhibition will present new works by Forum Gallery artists created especially for the show as well as portraits by artists including: Benny Andrews, Steven Assael, Milton Avery, William Beckman, Miguel Covarrubias, Philip Evergood, Gregory Gillespie, John Graham, Pablo Picasso, Fairfield Porter, Raphael Soyer and Joseph Stella.

Artists by Artists: The Artist as Subject opens with a reception for the exhibiting artists on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, and will be on view through Saturday, February 24, 2018.



Alyssa Monks, *Persistence*, 2017, oil on linen, 32 x 48 inches

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Forum Gallery is located at 475 Park Avenue between 57th and 58th streets, New York. The entire exhibition may be viewed online at <http://forumgallery.com/exhibition/artists-by-artists-january-20-2018-february-24-2018/>. Forum Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 5:30 pm, and closed on Sundays, Mondays and holidays. For further information, please contact Kevin Dao, 212-355-4545; kevin@forumgallery.com.