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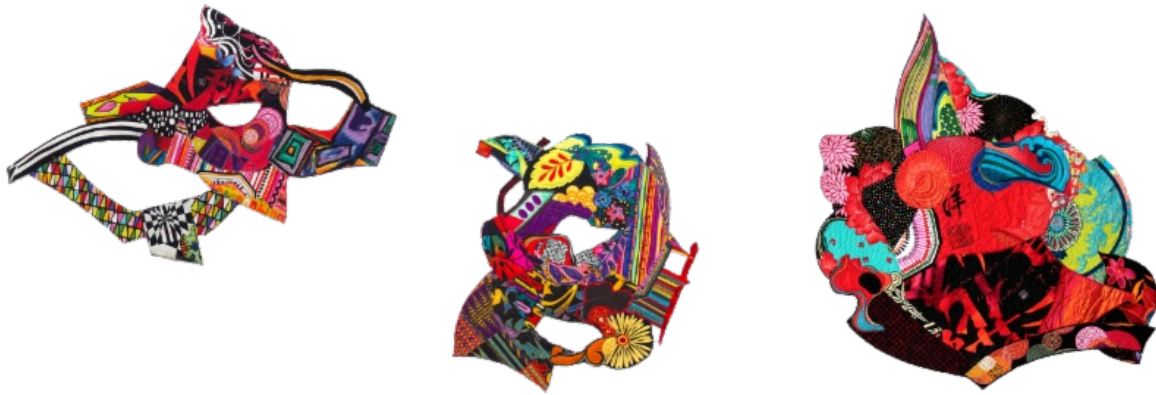
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**Sandra Lauterbach: Color & Form Run Wild
at NCJW|LA, April 30 thru July 12, 2017**

Artist's Opening Reception Sunday, April 30 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

[Los Angeles, CA] - A new series of vibrant free form soft sculptures by Los Angeles textile artist Sandra Lauterbach will be featured in her solo show "Color and Form Run Wild" at the National Council of Jewish Women. The exhibition will run from April 30 to July 12, 2017 at the NCJW located at 543 N. Fairfax Avenue, Los Angeles, CA. **An opening reception will be held Sunday, April 30 from 2:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m.**

Lauterbach was drawn to textiles as a medium in her art due to her family's background in manufacturing and marketing fabrics. Her family's connection to textiles goes back four generations to the Austrian Hungarian Empire. She draws inspiration from an archived inventory of original material saved from her family's former company to produce abstract works that might be defined as stitched collages. Eschewing quieter pastel colors, the artist gravitates toward a highly saturated palette. She juxtaposes unexpected patterns and colors to create unique organically shaped sculptures. These works are driven by Lauterbach's instinctive approach to composition and her insatiable quest to leverage the relationship between shape and color.

Profoundly relevant today, the exhibit will also include the artist's representational work that references the story of her parents, who fled Krakow, Poland, escaping the Holocaust to build new lives as American immigrants. This work incorporates remnants of Jewish tombstones that reflect man's inhumanity.

Peter Frank, art critic and curator, commented: "The elements [of Sandra's work] are full of surprises. There is a blithe discourse of starkly different patterns and colors butting up against one another. The pieces hold my interest. And even more significantly, they promise to hold my interest when I come back to them."

Megan Abrahams, art critic and editor Fabrik Magazine, stated: "Deeply personal, Lauterbach's work involves the re-appropriation of the traditional feminine art of quilting into a contemporary hybrid art form, combining elements of collage and painting. The end product is a sort of re-contextualized textile abstraction - popping with color, embellished with subtle detail and steeped in symbolic memoir."

A member of the Los Angeles Art Association and Studio Art Quilt Associates, Lauterbach's work has been shown at the Textile Museum and the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C., the International Museum of Art and Science, McAllen, TX, and the Whistler House Museum of Art, Lowell, MA, as well as numerous galleries. The public is able to view the exhibit by appointment - Please call Carrie Jacoves at (323) 852-8512. The artist will be available for questions about her work during the opening reception Sunday, April 30 from 2:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m. To see more of the artist's work visit www.sandralauterbach.com.

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