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**Artists Join Together to Support Art for Empowerment**

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| *Self Portrait in Palette Knife, Red Mouth*  Lili Bernard    *Shared Skies (13 Global Skies) II*  Kim Abeles    *High res images of artwork shown here, along with pieces by additional artists,  at* [*awbw.org/media*](https://awbw.org/media)*.* | **Venice, CA – January 17, 2017** – Inspired by the power of art, a diverse group of artists and curators have joined together for *ArtWorks for Healing*, a unique art auction and exhibition to raise funds for A Window Between Worlds’ arts programs. The cocktail reception will take place on Thursday, March 2, 2017, 7-10pm at Arena 1 Gallery (3026 Airport Ave, Santa Monica, 90405). This exhibition will be on display starting Friday, February 24; online bidding will also begin February 24 and end the night of the reception.  Participating artists include longtime AWBW advocates Kim Abeles, Margaret Lazzari, Fabian Debora, Lili Bernard, and The Art of Chase. Additional artists include Lita Albuquerque, Laddie John Dill, Jim McHugh, David Buckingham, Galia Linn, Danny First, Greg Auerbach, Angelonce, BDB, ChorBoogie, Devin Liston and America Martin.  Guest curators include Sunny Bak (Venice Art Crawl), Jacquie Israel (artHouseLA), MaryLinda Moss (Source Art) and Sandra Mueller. A complete list of exhibiting artists and curators is available at awbw.org/artworks.  A Window Between Worlds is dedicated to cultivating a network of transformative arts programs to empower those impacted by violence and trauma. Since 1991 AWBW’s art workshops have offered over 200,000 people the opportunity to express their thoughts and feelings, without fear of judgment, by creating art in a safe environment.  These workshops are ­facilitated by trained Windows Leaders at human service agencies nationwide. AWBW’s programs allow partnering agencies to expand their offerings to best serve those who are coping with the consequences of a variety of violent and traumatic experiences.  Proceeds from *ArtWorks for Healing* will directly benefit the nonprofit’s network of transformative arts programs through funding scholarships, art supplies, training of Window Leaders, curriculum development and new programs. Each art piece purchased at the event will provide even more people the opportunity to find hope, healing and empowerment through creating their own art.  Event partners include Santa Monica Art Studios, Tito’s Handmade Vodka, Morandell Imports and Bites & Bashes. Tickets for the cocktail reception ($75) and sponsorship opportunities are available at awbw.org/artworks. ### |

Local nonprofit hosts art auction and exhibition *ArtWorks for Healing*