

# BRIDGETTE MAYER GALLERY

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Bridgette Mayer Gallery

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**Bridgette Mayer Gallery Presents: *Nexus*,  
a solo exhibition by Rebecca Rutstein,**

**February 1 – March 19, 2022.**

**Extended Hours & Artist Reception: Friday, February 4, 5:00 – 7:30pm**

Philadelphia, PA – January 25, 2022. Bridgette Mayer Gallery is pleased to announce its ninth solo exhibition with contemporary artist Rebecca Rutstein. *Nexus* will be on view from Tuesday, February 1 to Saturday, March 19, 2022, with extended hours and an artist reception on Friday, February 4 from 5:00 to 7:30pm. The exhibition features 22 new paintings by Rutstein, as well as a special sculpture installation in the gallery's Vault Space. This new series comes shortly after several major public art projects for Rutstein, including a residency with the biotech company Integral Molecular, a commissioned mural *Convergence* on the AT&T Building in Philadelphia, and a large-scale outdoor sculpture commissioned for The Bower in Pennsylvania.

Rutstein describes her exhibition as follows:

*Worlds are happening alongside ours that are invisible to us. And yet there is an interconnectedness of all things in the natural world. My experiences with scientists at sea and in laboratories have changed the way I see. I'm fascinated by these complex yet hidden networks... within our bodies, where cells form microsocieties, and in the deep sea, where microscopic life create webs of interactivity that mediate processes on our planet. These paintings are a portal into those worlds.*

## **About the Artist:**

Multidisciplinary artist, Rebecca Rutstein, whose work spans painting, sculpture, interactive installation and public art, creates work at the intersection of art, science and technology. Rutstein is passionate about creating visual and immersive experiences that shed light on hidden environments in the natural world, deepening one's connection in the face of climate change. She has been an artist-in-residence at locations around the world, including six expeditions at sea and two dives to the ocean floor in the Alvin submersible. Her collaborations with scientists have been funded by the National Science Foundation,

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National Academies of Science / Keck Futures Initiative, Delta Airlines Foundation, University of Washington, University of Alabama, Ocean Exploration Trust, Schmidt Ocean Institute and the Philadelphia Foundation. Rutstein has received the prestigious Pew Fellowship in the Arts, an Independence Foundation Fellowship, a Pennsylvania Council on the Arts grant, is an MIT Ocean Discovery Fellow, and was recently named the Delta Visiting Chair for Global Understanding – awarded to leading global scholars and creative thinkers who do groundbreaking work at the University of Georgia. Rutstein’s work has been featured on NPR, ABC, CBS, and in the Wall Street Journal, Huffington Post & Vogue magazines. With over 25 solo exhibitions, Rutstein has exhibited widely in museums and institutions, and her work can be found in public collections including the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Georgia Museum of Art, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Museum, US Department of State, Yale University, University of New Mexico, Temple University, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Johns Hopkins Hospital, and AT&T. Rutstein holds a BFA (magna cum laude) from Cornell University and an MFA from University of Pennsylvania. She has been represented by Bridgette Mayer Gallery in Philadelphia since 2001.

**Exhibition information:** *Nexus* will be on view from February 1 – March 19, 2022 at Bridgette Mayer Gallery. On Friday, February 4, there will be extended gallery hours from 5:00 to 7:30pm and an artist reception at Bridgette Mayer Gallery.

**Gallery information:** Bridgette Mayer Gallery free and open to the public. We are located at 709 Walnut Street, 1st Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Gallery hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00am – 5:00pm.

**COVID policies:** The health and safety of our community is our highest priority, and we are expanding our cleaning and safety protocols to abide by city guidelines. Every visitor is required to wear a mask while visiting the Gallery, following City of Philadelphia regulations. Gallery staff will continue to monitor and match our policies according to Philadelphia guidelines.

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