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## **ERECTION**

December 13, 2014-January 24, 2015

Artist Reception: Saturday, December 13, 6pm-10pm

Los Angeles gallery MAMA announces its inaugural exhibition *ERECTION*, a group show featuring 15 Los Angeles-based artists.

DEVENDRA BANHART, MATTIA BIAGI, AMANDA CHARCHIAN, ETHAN DELORENZO, MEGAN GECKLER, JAMES GEORGOPOULOS, MORGAN GILLIO, JEM GOULDING, JOE MCKEE, ALIA PENNER, LUCKEY REMINGTON, RICHARD DAVID SIGMUND, COLE STERNBERG, ZACH TAYLOR AND LOLA ROSE THOMPSON use sound, vision, and site-specific renderings that bend and manipulate space to create a futuristic, metaphysical and mind-melding smorgasbord that will leave the viewer on a high wire balancing act between realism and make-believe.

Works on view include Devendra Banhart hiding drawings and paintings throughout the gallery space, a living grass installation with a petrified black tar flower arrangements by Mattia Biagi, a photographic cave installation by Amanda Charchian, flag tape that transforms the gallery windows by Megan Geckler, a video installation in a suspended truck cab by James Georgopoulos, a light installation that will create a beautiful prism by Jem Goulding, a sound installation that captures the artists executing and *erecting* installations by Joe Mckee & Ethan Delorenzo, a psychedelic balloon installation by Alia Penner, a color theory installation that mimics the color of the sky by Luckey Remington, a prayer monument with reflecting architecture on the surface of the gallery walls by Richard David Sigmund, two-sided paintings elevated at 45 degree angles in 90 degree corners of the walls by Cole Sternberg, a layered paint installation with construction bricks by Zach Taylor and a phantasmagorical flower installation by Lola Rose Thompson.

MAMA gallery was created from the remnants of an old industrial building in the arts district of Downtown Los Angeles – it was originally built around a family ranch home that was constructed in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. *ERECTION* celebrates the *erection* of the 4,000 square foot gallery space – the passion, the excitement, the exhilaration – and the setting of a precedent for the artists and creators that MAMA will choose to represent and support. This collective showcase will mark the rocket launch of MAMA in Los Angeles.

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