



SOCIAL SCENE: Deborah Buck & Richard Heinrich Open “Paint and Steel” at ILLE ARTS

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“Paint and Steel,” a two-person show presenting paintings by Deborah Buck and sculpture by Richard Heinrich, drew a devoted crowd of art fans to ILLE Arts in Amagansett on June 22, 2019. This is the second exhibition at ILLE Arts featuring Deborah Buck’s art and the first time the artists have been paired together in a show.

The art in “[Paint and Steel](#)” is filled with both energy and whimsy. Lines dance in either acrylic or chalk within Buck’s paintings and through welded steel constructions that seem to clear the air to make room for interesting figures in motion by Heinrich.

“This new body of work is playful, intriguing and evocative,” ILLE Arts director and curator Sara Deluca writes of Buck’s art. “Her images have gotten more complex and textural.”

Titles from both artists contribute to the overall sense of fun in the exhibition. *Show Off, Pastry Shop* and *Queen Anne’s Lace* lead viewers into fantastic worlds created by Buck. *Lester’s Jump, Bebop, Hi-Fly* and *Bag’s Groove* are some of the choice titles bestowed by Heinrich upon his art that artful match the abstract figures portrayed in steel.

“Deborah Buck’s pieces interact and grow, offset by three dimensional works, while Richard Heinrich’s steel pieces gracefully accept the energy and ‘come hither’ seductiveness of Buck’s paintings,” Deluca wrote of the pairing.

“Paint and Steel” remains on view through July 15, 2019. Continue scrolling to see who made the Opening Reception at ILLE Arts a special one.

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Nick Howey, Deborah Buck, Alejandro Saralegui and Gerard Widdershoven attend the opening of “Paint and Steel” at ILLE Arts on June 22, 2019 in Amagansett, NY. Photo by Jared Siskin. Courtesy of Deborah Buck.

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Artist Richard Heinrich with one of his sculptures exhibited in “Paint and Steel” at ILLE Arts. Photo by Jared Siskin. Courtesy of Deborah Buck.



Margeau Dyer at the opening of “Paint and Steel” at ILLE Arts on June 22, 2019 in Amagansett, NY. Photo by Jared Siskin. Courtesy of Deborah Buck.



Susan Spungen, Ron Kaplan, Toni Ross and Steven Kasher at the Opening Reception of “Paint and Steel” at ILLE Arts on June 22, 2019 in Amagansett, NY. Photo by Jared Siskin. Courtesy of Deborah Buck.



Arlene Slavin, Sara DeLuca and Deborah Buck attend the Opening Reception of “Paint and Steel” at ILLE Arts on June 22, 2019 in Amagansett, NY. Photo by Jared Siskin. Courtesy of Deborah Buck.



Richard Heinrich, Judith Auchincloss and Rush Kress at the Opening Reception of “Paint and Steel” at ILLE Arts on June 22, 2019 in Amagansett, NY. Photo by Jared Siskin. Courtesy of Deborah Buck.



A visitor examines “Queen Anne’s Lace” by Deborah Buck, 2019, at ILLE Arts during the Opening Reception of “Paint and Steel.” Photo by Jared Siskin. Courtesy of Deborah Buck.



Ian Gazes and Serge Krawiecki Gazes at the Opening Reception of "Paint and Steel" at ILLE Arts on June 22, 2019 in Amagansett, NY. Photo by Jared Siskin. Courtesy of Deborah Buck.



Sara DeLuca and Don Christenson at the Opening Reception of "Paint and Steel" at ILLE Arts on June 22, 2019 in Amagansett, NY. Photo by Jared Siskin. Courtesy of Deborah Buck.



Richard Kestenbaum, Linda Kestenbaum, Christie Grimm and Michael Kestenbaum at the Opening Reception of "Paint and Steel" at ILLE Arts on June 22, 2019 in Amagansett, NY. Photo by Jared Siskin. Courtesy of Deborah Buck.

BASIC FACTS: "Paint and Steel" is on view June 22 to July 15, 2019 at ILLE Arts, 171 Main Street, Amagansett, NY 11930. www.illearts.com.

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