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Conversations

The Art of Bex Wilkinson



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The Art Center Highland Park will showcase a collection of work from painter Bex Wilkinson titled *Conversations: the Art of Bex Wilkinson*. Bex Wilkinson was born Rebecca Frankel in Chicago, Illinois and then resided for a majority of her formative years in Highland Park. *Conversations* represents the development of Bex's raw style of reflection upon the emotional impact of the legendary artists to whom she was exposed.

Wilkinson interned at the MCA creating a Senior and School outreach program before studying at the Art Institute in Chicago as an adjunct student learning from such legendary greats as Buzz Spector. Today, Leon Golub and Judy Chicago's radical expression of civil rights and feminist issues are reflected in many of Bex's pieces. Her latest [Alphabet Series](#) is a discussion of the social issues that haunt contemporary America. Wilkinson uses recognizable iconography (unicorns, playing cards, apples, etc.) to explore the things society 'digests' on a regular basis.

Intertwined in the reflection of social issues is her study of the natural world and the way in which it converses with itself. Growing up on the North Shore offered lush landscapes of ravines and woods, as well as exposure to many migrating birds that frequented their home. It is in the natural world where she finds solace from the complexities of the human world.



Currently residing in Sun Valley, Idaho, Wilkinson's work is a deep reflection of the home from which she came. Bex shows in Chicago, New York, Miami, Madrid, Portugal, Paris, among other places. *Conversations: The Art of Bex Wilkinson* will open with a public reception on Friday, August 16, from 5:30 to 8:00 PM at The Art Center Highland Park, 1957 Sheridan Road, Highland Park. The event is free and open to the public. For more information visit www.theartcenterhp.org.

Image: *Dead Bird Song* by Bex Wilkinson

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