

Healing

May 3 – July 3, 2024

New York, NY—From May 3 through June 22, 2024, Sikkema Jenkins & Co. will present *Healing*, a group exhibition of work by a selection of gallery artists:

william cordova

Mitch Epstein

Tony Feher

Louis Fratino

Zipora Fried

Jeffrey Gibson

Josephine Halvorson

Marc Handelman

Arturo Herrera

Sheila Hicks

Merlin James

Cameron Martin

Marlene McCarty

Wardell Milan

Vik Muniz

Jennifer Packer

Kay Rosen

Erin Shirreff

Kara Walker

This presentation of *Healing* is conceived in homage to the 1992 group exhibition of the same name that inaugurated the founding of the gallery, then called Wooster Gardens, by Brent Sikkema. Held during the height of the AIDS crisis, *Healing*, 1992, proposed a thoughtful meditation on our intertwined capacities for creation and caretaking. The show was organized by Sikkema and Olivier Renaud-Clément, and featured works produced by the participating artists specifically for the exhibition. “Somehow,” wrote Faye Hirsch, in a review for *Art in America*, “they present the hopeful possibility that memory will be enough, materializing as it does in the least expected places.”

The *Healing* of 2024 emerges from the convulsive years of another global pandemic, alongside a more proximal experience of grief for the gallery. Across eras and societal transformations, few things in life remain as constant as loss and its cataclysmic reframing of normality, on both a collective and individual scale; yet as such loss persists, so too does our impulse to gather, communicate, create, and, in the process, move towards a place of renewal. This contemporary exhibition is not intended as a direct mirror of the original *Healing*, but rather a continued throughline of making art as a means of understanding the uncertainty and tenderness found within our shared affective moment.

A public opening reception for the exhibition will be held Friday, May 3, from 6-8 PM.

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