

ALL OUT ARTS - Fresh Fruit Festival Art Exhibitions - A Capsule History

The Leslie/Lohman Gay Art Foundation is a non-profit foundation established to provide an outlet for and an understanding of the LGBT art world. Now a landmark Museum, the Leslie-Lohman has been a welcoming home to the Fresh Fruit Festival's larger, curated Art Exhibits which often speak to political and social themes. Shows have also been held at the Lesbian & Gay Community Center on West 13th Street, the Clemente Center on the lower East Side and other venues, and in a season soon at the new Abrons Art Center downtown. A developing addition to the art exhibits will be an online Virtual Gallery space and the debut of a new Internet Magazine published by All Out Arts.

fy2016 **OUTcry: LGBTQ Voices In The International Dialogue For Justice** - previewed at the Wild Project space on East 3rd Street July 13-26, 2015. The exhibition is conceived to have a large, international, virtual presence for the community via a "Virtual Gallery" on the Internet dedicated to the premise. Activist art and Resistance art are at the center of this exhibit featuring international artists living and working in New York City, and those beyond whose work is a vital part the International LGBT civil rights struggle. Curators Louis Lopardi and Liz Thaler. The concept was by Heidi Russell, who curated the Preview: **LGBT Artivism.**

fy2015 The entire month of July 2015 at the Leslie-Lohman Museum.
"After Our Bodies Meet: Resistance to Potentiality" Queer & Feminist artists examine the notions of body and self, from the 70s through today. Included two panel discussions and a films program, all well attended.

fy2014 July 17-28, 2013 at the Leslie-Lohman
"Queers in Exile: The Unforgotten Legacies of LGBT Homeless Youth" - their personal histories, creativity, & activism. Included material loaned by the Warhol Museum. Curator Alexis Heller. Visitors could personally experience a recorded horrific 'night in a homeless shelter' from a youth's point of view. The show drew critical acclaim from The Advocate, Huffington Post, and others.

fy2013 July 18-28, 2012 at the Leslie-Lohman
Our guest curator was the social activist Alexis Handwerker. The show focused on the problems and concerns of LGBTQ young people around the world: **"Testimony: A Living Exhibition of Queer Youth"** - Included a dual book-release event on 7/25. Visitors could record their own "testimony" at the show. A special pictorial record of this award-winning show is maintained.

fy2012 July 13 - 23, 2011
A photography and mixed-media exhibition of New York City night life: **"Bright Lights - Queer City"** curated by Lady Clover Honey. 385 visitors at the opening plus daily average of 88, attested to the popularity of this unique showcase.

fy2011 July 20 - 31, 2010
A multi-discipline Art Show was simultaneously held at the Leslie/Lohman Gallery in Soho on the theme **"Crossing Boundaries: LGBT Artists Look at their Society"** was designed to open a discourse on the relationship of LGBTQ artists to their home, family, culture, religion and nation. Crossing Boundaries was designed to break through the social barriers that limit understanding and

acceptance, freedom and choice. An opening talk was presented on July 20th; a special "performance art" evening on July 26th; closing Gala on July 31st. More than 270 attended the opening, and gallery visitors numbered near a hundred daily. 48 international artists were represented. Curated by Heidi Russell and Fortini Vorganopoulou.

fy 2010 JULY 2009

Featured show: "**PASSION - Lesbian and feminist visions**" Curator: Heidi Russell. Also included a performance-art evening and readings. At the Lelslie-Lohman Gallery, Soho. [total visitors 290+]

fy 2009 JULY 16 - 23, 2008

"STRIKE A POSE! : GENDER 2008" - co-sponsored by Leslie/Lohman Gallery and Cross-Dressers of America. curator: Clover Honey.

This remarkable group show featured images celebrating the diversity of Gender Expression. Represented were depictions of those who identify as Gender Queer, Transgender, Drag Queens, Drag Kings, Transsexuals, Faeries, Gender Variant, Cross-Dressers, and those who express Gender in non-traditional ways.