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Roleke's show UNCONTROLLED explores sensationalism, consumerism and the crazy contradictions and relationships that develop when popular culture mixes with war and religion. The show consists of a hanging sculpture and many wall reliefs.

Numerous small toys are utilized in the conversation, which allows these serious issues of consumption, consumerism, war, violence and religious extremism to be presented in a playful elegant manner. Actual bullet casings and brass transform into jewel like

abstractions. Multitudes of toys are painted in a monochromatic palette, which allow them to be read as minimalist painting.

The lenticulars are a new series in which "found object imagery" is rearranged in dramatic relationships. Visible through the lenticulars are faint drawings of Disney characters and target signs, which form a dialogue with the overlying images.

This is Roleke's first solo show at AHA Fine Art. Five percent of all sales will go to the Coalition to End Gun Violence.

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## Artist Bio

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2018

Unnatural Selection, LIC/A, The Plaxall Gallery, Long Island City, New York

Island Universe curated by Project 59, Governor's Island, NY

Sculpture , three person show, Concepto Hudson, Hudson, NY

Solos, Westport Art Center, Westport, CT

Signal, Katonah Art Museum, Katonah, NY

(Upcoming) Las Gravitas ODETTA Brooklyn, NY

LOADED: Artist as Activist Margaret Roleke and Rita Valley Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, CT

Valentine Concepto Hudson Hudson , NY

Speaking Out: Art in a Time of Upheaval Gallarus Art Space, Katonah, NY

Silence Breakers Ely Center for Contemporary Art New Haven, CT

MONSTERS among/within Hans Weiss Newspace Gallery Manchester Community College Manchester, CT

2017

Recycle/Repurpose NCC Art Gallery East, Norwalk Community College, Norwalk, CT

Time Being: Pop Up Show through AHA Fine Art NYC

4 Heads Governor's Island Art Fair, outdoor piece, Governor's Island, New York, NY

Tremors , Point Green, Brooklyn, NY

Seeking Space, part of Bushwick Open Studios, Brooklyn, NY

In Protest We Trust ODETTA Brooklyn, NY

Present Danger Hewitt Gallery Marymount Manhattan College, New York, N Y

Nasty Women New Haven, The Institute Library, New Haven, CT

In Grace We Trust, Ely Center of Contemporary Art, New Haven, CT

Dear 33020 collaboration between Artspace New Haven and The Art and Cultural Center Hollywood, Florida

Tondo, Tondo, Tondo curated by D. Dominick Lombardi, Walter Wickiser Gallery, New York, NY

"Not My President, Still my Country" organized by Philadelphia Creatives for Change @ A Poet Art Gallery Philadelphia, Pa.

"Art of the Northeast" Silvermine Art Center, New Canaan, CT

2016

"The BIG Small Show" Drawing Rooms Jersey City, NJ

" Absence and Presence: A Printmaking Project for AI- Mutanabbi Street" Scuola Internazionale di Grafica, Venice, Italy

"Once Bitten, Twice Shy" AHA Fine Art New York, NY

"Absence and Presence" Goddard College Planfield, Vermont

"Thunder Umbrella" Silvermine Art Center

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New Canaan, CT

"Valentine's Day Pop Up Show" Arcilesi and Homberg Fine Art New York, NY

"UNCONTROLLED" solo exhibit @ AHA Fine Art 139 Eldridge St. New York, NY

"Yonkers Art Weekend" in the gallery of Arcilesi and Homberg Fine Art

Yonkers, New York

"Pop Up" Space B Brooklyn, NY

An Inventory of Al-Mutanabbi Street George Mason University Fairfax, Virginia

Space B @ NCC Norwalk Community College, Norwalk, CT

"Brural" Gallery 105 @ Temporary Storage Brooklyn, NY

Disorder + Bliss and Back Room Space B Brooklyn, NY

The Gun Show Spring Street Gallery, Saratoga Springs, NY

Comic Art: Fantasy and Imagination Ann Street Gallery

Newburgh, NY

Child's Play ODETTA, Brooklyn, NY

"Connecticut Complexities" Georgetown Culture and Arts Center, Georgetown, CT

"AAAE" Hewitt Art Gallery, Marymount Manhattan College, New York, NY

Plastic Imagination Fritchburg Art Museum Fritchburg, Mass.

State of the Union Drawing Rooms @ Victory Hall, Jersey City, New Jersey

I found god in myself African American Museum in Philadelphia Philadelphia, PA

2015

"RESPOND" group exhibit Smack Mellon Brooklyn, NY

"Happy Wars" solo show Real Art Ways Hartford, CT

"All Good Things" AHA Fine Art Lower East Side, New York, NY

"Just My Type" AHA Fine Art Lower East Side, New York, NY

"Impulse" @ Pulse Art Fair in the booth of ODETTA, Brooklyn, NY

"Signed, Sealed and Delivered" Silvermine Art Center, New Canaan, Ct

"Remythologies", Housatonic Community College, Bridgeport, CT

"Violent Nature" Dehn Gallery, Manchester on Main, Manchester Community College, Manchester, CT

"Just Imagine", Hans Weiss Gallery, Manchester Community College, Manchester, CT

"XXpectations" Cornell Art Museum, Delray Beach, Florida

"Industrial Comforts" Space B, Bushwick Brooklyn, NY

Flux Art Fair Harlem, NY