



## THE ART DIRECTORS GUILD APPOINTS NEW CURATOR FOR GALLERY 800



### *Art Director Abra Brayman Will Oversee June 18<sup>th</sup> Exhibit “The Great Outdoors” Featuring TV Academy Senior VP John Leverence*

**LOS ANGELES, June 13, 2016** –The [Art Directors Guild](#) (IATSE Local 800) is pleased to announce the appointment of Art Director **Abra Brayman** as Curator of [Gallery 800](#), effective immediately. She will be responsible for the Gallery’s annual exhibition programs and development, including its third art exhibition of 2016, “**The Great Outdoors**” which runs from June 18 – July 30, with an opening reception on **Saturday, June 18, 2016** from 5 to 8 pm.

“Thank you to Denis Olsen for his many years of bringing Gallery 800 to life,” said Gallery 800’s new Curator Abra Brayman. “I am honored to continue in his footsteps as Curator and looking forward to showcasing the diverse talents of our Guild.”

Brayman has a rich background in the fine arts, with an MFA from CalArts and a B.A. in Printmaking and Painting from UC Santa Cruz, where she received the President's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Fine Art. Brayman also studied fine art and art history abroad at the Il Bisonte International School of Graphic Arts in Florence, Italy. Abra has worked with several renowned galleries and museums, including the Peggy Guggenheim Museum in Venice, Italy and the American Pavilion, Venice Biennale. As a designer, Abra has worked in film, theater and opera, notably for the LA Opera Company. Abra was also a winner on the competitive SyFy channel design challenge show *Hot Sets*.

“**The Great Outdoors**” exhibit will feature more than 60 original art pieces from leading Art Department professionals and personal artwork from guest artist **John Leverence**, the Television Academy’s Senior Vice President of Awards. Artists featured in the exhibit include Production Designer **Susan Bolles** (*American Crime, Whitney*), Art Director **Tom Frohling** (*Concussion, Fantastic Four*), LA Philharmonic Scenic Designer **Keith Mitchell**, Title Artist **Jay Johnson** and Scenic Artists **Catherine Koon** (*The Young and the Restless*), **Bridget Duffy** and **Stan Olexiewicz**.

“The Great Outdoors” hosted reception will take place from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will feature a hosted bar, live music featuring the “Do Drop In” jazz trio and refreshments.

Representing **Gallery 800** are Curator Abra Brayman and ADG Awards and Events Manager Debbie Patton. Gallery 800 (located at 5108 Lankershim Blvd. at the Historic Lankershim Arts Center in the heart of North Hollywood) is open Thursday through Saturday from 2pm to 8pm and Sunday from 2pm to 6pm. For questions about the gallery or artwork, contact (818) 763-8052 or [gallery800@gmail.com](mailto:gallery800@gmail.com).

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#### **ABOUT GALLERY 800**

Located in the heart of the famed NoHo Arts District, Gallery 800 showcases guild members' personal art in a series of shows throughout the year. These artists are leading Art Department professionals, who, through a combination of observation, passion and imagination, bring the writer's words and the director's vision to life in television and film. When not working as integral creative members of the entertainment community, they contribute to the fine art scene with their personal artwork. Since Gallery 800 opened its doors in March 2009, more than 420 ADG members have shown their artwork in the ongoing exhibitions.

#### **ABOUT THE ART DIRECTORS GUILD:**

The Art Directors Guild (IATSE Local 800) represents 2,400 members who work throughout the United States, Canada and the rest of the world in film, television and theater as Production Designers, Art Directors, Assistant Art Directors; Scenic, Title and Graphic Artists; Illustrators and Matte Artists; Set Designers and Model Makers; and Previs Artists. Established in 1937, the ADG's ongoing activities include a Film Society, an annual Awards Banquet, a creative/technology community (5D: The Future of Immersive Design), a bimonthly craft magazine ([Perspective](#)); and extensive technology-training programs, figure drawing and other creative workshops and year-round Gallery 800 art exhibitions. The Guild's Online Directory/Website Resource is at [www.adg.org](http://www.adg.org). Connect with the Art Directors Guild and #Gallery800 on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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Photo and interview opportunities are available.

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