

# CORE CONTEMPORARY HOSTS "AMERICAN ROULETTE"

November 6, 2021 – January 8, 2022

Directly confronting such a polarizing topic as gun culture and violence in our society, "AMERICAN ROULETTE" is taking a cross-country trip from its most recent exhibition in Chicago to Las Vegas, landing at Core Contemporary. Local art fans know that Core Contemporary doesn't shy away from curating art experiences based around challenging topics and this next exhibition sits firmly within this theme.

Violence and a subsequent disregard for life have become so ingrained in American society and culture (from war, police brutality and institutional abuse, to poverty and domestic violence) that our collective consciousness is shaped and guided by paranoia and fear. The media we choose to entertain us and fill our free time often numbs our emotions and desensitizes our awareness as to the suffering endured by others. As much of our media is nothing more than flickering images on a screen, our passive consumption of this entertainment frequently leads to both apathy and fascination in the real world.

The "AMERICAN ROULETTE" exhibit presents provocative artwork influenced by gun culture and violence. The mission of this exhibit is to evoke strong and thoughtful responses, creating a much-needed platform for productive dialog across cultural and societal divides, and to use these conversations as opportunities to listen and learn from each other. A panel discussion is also planned during the run of the show to inform solution-based advocacy and will be announced at a later date.

"AMERICAN ROULETTE" runs from November 6th, 2021 through January 8th, 2022, with an opening reception on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm. Artists featured are the "AMERICAN ROULETTE" collective: Cesar Conde, Yousif Del Valle, Michelle Graves, Anthony Guntren, CJ Hungerman, Dominic Sansone, and Folleh Shar Francis Tamba; and local Southern Nevada artists: Adriane Serrano Bojorquez, Dan Brady, Michelle Costigan, Aaron Cowan, Carla Furey, Nancy Good, Bindia Hallauer, Kelly Aileen Ludden, Sean Russell, Linda Shaffer, Jen Spencer, Tom Umholtz, KD Matheson and Vezun.

The exhibition is accessible during regular gallery hours: Wednesday-Saturday, 12pm-4pm  
No appointments necessary during open hours. For more information, visit: [www.corecontemporary.com](http://www.corecontemporary.com) or <https://americanrouletteart.com/>

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<b>A. Sean Russell</b> "Hands" - Mixed-media \$450	<b>B. Sean Russell</b> "Hear" - Mixed-media \$450	<b>C. Michelle Costigan</b> "Good Mourning, Valentine" - Paper NFS
<b>D. Bindia Hallauer</b> "Riot" - Acrylic on canvas \$270	<b>E. Aaron Cowan</b> "Seven Tragic Mountains" - Photo \$500	<b>F. Linda Shaffer</b> "The Path" - Mixed-media \$325
<b>G. Carla Furey</b> "A Reasonable Sacrifice" - Acrylic \$2800	<b>H. Vezun</b> "Child Soldier" - Cardboard/Paint \$1000	<b>I. Adriane Serrano Bojorquez</b> "I Know Who You Are" - Pencil \$100
<b>J. CJ Hungerman</b> "We Rise 1" - Mixed-media \$2500	<b>K. Linda Shaffer</b> "I Have" - Mixed-media \$325	<b>L. Michelle Graves</b> "A Life Is A Life (Benelli 22 gauge)" - Organ tissue, acrylic, pig heart resin, zine (2019) \$5000
<b>M. Linda Shaffer</b> "The Bigger" - Mixed-media \$100	<b>N. Michelle Graves</b> "A Life Is A Life (Colt AR 233)" - Organ tissue, acrylic, pig heart resin, zine (2019) \$5000	<b>O. Kelly Ludden</b> "It's A Small World" - Lite Brite \$250

<b>P. Jen Spencer</b> “Reminder, A Bullet Lived in Our House NFS	<b>Q. Cesar Conde</b> “The Bang Bang Project” - Oil on canvas \$8000	<b>R. Cesar Conde</b> “The Bang Bang Project” - Oil on canvas \$8000
<b>S. Anthony Guntren</b> “Arm Yourself” - Cast iron, Antique shotgun buttstock \$2500	<b>T. Dan Brady</b> “What Goes Around Comes Around” Modified Lamp \$650	<b>U. Nancy Good</b> “Mind Blown” - Sculpture, birdcage children's squirt guns, tulle, books (w/out stand) \$750
<b>V. Anthony Gunter</b> “Gun Lobby” - Cast iron \$2500	<b>W. Dominic Sansone</b> “Makes You Want To Run Out and Buy a Gun” - Urethane foam, steel, 5 x lifesize Colt 1911A handgun \$5000	<b>X. Yousif Del Valle</b> “Fading Echo of Numb Decay” “When She Says Baby” Video NFS
<b>Y. Dan Brady</b> “Bangnana” - Papier-mache, wire, mixed-media \$450	<b>Z. Folleh Shar Francis Tamba</b> “We Are the Infantry” Video, handwritten diaries NFS	<b>1. CJ Hungerman</b> “We Rise 2” - Mixed-media \$2500
<b>2. CJ Hungerman</b> “We Rise 3” - Mixed-media \$2500	<b>3. Tom Umholtz</b> “I Could Kill You 30” - Spray paint on paper \$400	<b>4. CJ Hungerman</b> “We Rise 4” - Mixed-media \$2500
<b>5. Dominic Sansone</b> “Makes You Want To Run Out and Buy a Gun” - Urethane foam, steel, 5 x lifesize Colt 1911A handgun \$5000	<b>6. Dominic Sansone</b> “Makes You Want To Run Out and Buy a Gun” - Urethane foam, steel, 5 x lifesize Colt 1911A handgun \$5000	<b>7. CJ Hungerman</b> “We Rise 5” - Mixed-media \$2500
<b>8. Dominic Sansone</b> “Makes You Want To Run Out and Buy a Gun” - Urethane foam, steel, 5 x lifesize Colt 1911A handgun \$5000	<b>9. CJ Hungerman</b> “We Rise 6” - Mixed-media \$2500	<b>10. Dominic Sansone</b> “Makes You Want To Run Out and Buy a Gun” - Urethane foam, steel, 5 x lifesize Colt 1911A handgun \$5000
<b>11. Anthony Guntren</b> “Stars & Stripes Brand” - Cast iron \$2500	<b>12. Dominic Sansone</b> “Study for a monument to inevitable collective futures” Rebar, wire, urethane foam, plastic, vinyl, paint, flag \$15000	

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