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**The GREENWICH ARTS COUNCIL
Presents
DECONSTRUCTION
At the Bendheim Gallery
October 11 - November 7, 2018
At the Greenwich Arts Council | 299 Greenwich Avenue**

The Greenwich Arts Council is proud to present “DECONSTRUCTION”, paintings, sculptures, prints and site-specific large scale installation. DECONSTRUCTION seeks to link the historical origins of high art with contemporary images and iconography, reinventing modern culture's interpretation of art. Often taking familiar images and objects, these artists apply their own unique contemporary techniques, evocatively testing senses and triggering memories along the way. In a Warhol-esque manner, Takashi Murakami successfully incorporates his themes of historical Japanese prints, into his pop culture images. KAWS promotes ubiquitous comic references, Jim Dine ironically presents utilitarian objects, Thomas Brenner fragments familiar industrial tools, challenging perceptions. Margaret Esme Simon and Peri Schwartz imbue a subtle iconography to simple and irreverent objects. Similarly addressing issues of scale, material and consumerism, Ana de Orbegoso recreates sacred, ancient Peruvian artefacts from fiberglass creating luminescent objects of beauty. Deconstructing discarded objects and hanging them in temporary spaces, Ben Quesnel bestows them with new meaning, touching upon issues of memory, relationship and function. By subverting what is historical with what is new, blending and reinventing across a wide range of mediums, a new cultural form is created, bringing with it recognition of the past and adding a new relevance to cultural heritage.

One of the highlights of the exhibition will be New York Graffiti artist, EPIC UNO, unveiling his latest creation, a graffiti wall in the Arts Council's gallery, a site-specific event. Epic's graffiti wall will be sponsored by LIFEWTR. With roots in the graffiti world and a background in design, EPIC strikes a fine balance in creating clean yet memorable characters and art pieces with a real urban edge.

Artists participating in the show: Betty Ball, Thomas Brenner, Anelisa Calmet, Jim Dine, Paul DeRuvo, Tom Everhart, EPIC UNO, Oscar Garcia, Robert Indiana, JADU, KAWS, Roy Lichtenstein, Takashi Murakami, Enrico Isamu Omay, Ana de Orbegoso, George Phelps, Ben Quesnel, Peri Schwartz, Margaret Esme Simon.

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