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SOHO20 Chelsea Gallery is proud to present our annual group exhibition *Folles d'Hiver*. This holiday exhibition features work by a selection of SOHO20 artists working in various mediums including painting, sculpture photography and printmaking. The exhibition features the following artists: **Patricia Berube, Elizabeth Bisbing, Monica Bock, Diane Churchill, Martha Nilsson Edelheit, Becky Franco, Linda Freeman, Carla Hernandez, Lannie Hart, Susan Hockaday, Lucy Hodgson, Naoko Ito, Francine LeClercq, Tilda Mann, Gina Miccinilli, Joan Ryan, Marielis Seyler, Elaine Shor, Kathy Stark, Suzanne Stroebe, Eleonora Tammes and Jenny Toth.**

The title of the exhibition *Folles d'Hiver* (Winter Madwomen) comes from the French play "La Folle de Chaillot" by Jean Giraudoux. The plot involves a benignly eccentric townswoman who after discovering the city and its people being overrun by the evil doings of a few wealthy and powerful men, seek to restore order with the help of her fellow "madwomen". Lured by the smell of their own greed to a bottomless oil pit, the women, though considered maniacal, are actually much more rational than the rest of the town who seem complacent to the corruption of their environment.

In relation to this group of exhibiting artists, the title, on the one hand references the current political climate, while on the other hand, calls for a reexamining of current social values. The work in this show reflects the intellect and reasoning of an eclectic group of artists, and stands to challenge the paradigm of contemporary culture. What, after all, is art if not an imagining of the questions we ask ourselves and which we search for answers? From Kathy Stark's exquisitely dense drawings to Bisbing's intensely layered miniature collage, these artists present the questions of our shared experience in perhaps an irrational way in hopes of seeing it anew for the first time.

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