Kavi Gupta

COVID-19 MASK PROJECT X DEBORAH KASS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE NOW



Limited edition ALIVE mask designed by Deborah Kass for the COVID-19 Mask Project

Kavi Gupta is proud to announce the next chapter in the COVID-19 Mask Project, featuring Deborah Kass. Based on Kass's large-scale painting *Being Alive* (2010), the limited edition ALIVE mask is washable and reusable and features two breathable polyester fabric layers with a bendable nose wire. Proceeds from the sale of the Deborah Kass ALIVE face mask will be donated to <u>THE CENTER</u>, offering the LGBTQ communities of New York City advocacy, health and wellness programs, arts, entertainment and cultural events, recovery, and parenthood and family support services since 1983.



Deborah Kass wearing her ALIVE mask. Photo courtesy of the artist.

This is the third in Kavi Gupta's series of limited artist's edition masks. We are thrilled that so far sales from masks by Devan Shimoyama and Jeffrey Gibson have raised more than \$17,000 for the Chicago based African American COVID-19 Relief Fund; the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to aid with COVID-19 critical care response; and NDN Collective, an Indigenous-led organization dedicated to building Indigenous power through organizing, activism, philanthropy, grantmaking, capacity-building, and narrative change.

Masks by Deborah Kass for the Kavi Gupta COVID-19 Mask Project are a limited edition of 200.

Masks are available for purchase online for \$100 each through <u>Kavi Gupta | Editions</u>. Orders will ship in 1-2 weeks. A limited number of masks will be available for purchase in person at Kass's exhibition *Painting and Sculpture* at Kavi Gupta | Elizabeth St. Contact <u>info@kavigupta.com</u> to schedule an appointment to visit the gallery.

EXHIBITION WEEKEND PRESENTED BY EXPO CHICAGO SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2020

GALLERY HOURS: SEPTEMBER 24 & 25, 11 AM-5 PM SEPTEMBER 26, 12-5 PM BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Presented by EXPO CHICAGO, EXHIBITION Weekend (September 25–27, 2020) is a digital initiative that convenes offline in Chicago-based contemporary art galleries and leading institutions, featuring current exhibitions, curatorial projects, and artist programs.

On view for EXHIBITION Weekend is *Deborah Kass: Painting and Sculpture* at Kavi Gupta I Elizabeth St and *Roger Brown: Hyperframe* at Kavi Gupta I Washington Blvd.

To schedule a viewing appointment, email <u>info@kavigupta.com</u>. *Deborah Kass: Painting and Sculpture* and *Roger Brown: Hyperframe* will be on view during and after EXHIBITION Weekend.

DEBORAH KASS PAINTING AND SCULPTURE KAVI GUPTA | ELIZABETH ST.

Pairing a stunning new body of work with select historical pieces, the exhibition creates an unflinching examination of the American condition before and during the Trump presidency.

The canonized giants of Pop Art and Minimalism defined themselves by their opposition to each other: Pop Art could be anything; Minimalism was everything Pop Art wasn't. However, as a young artist, Deborah Kass saw things differently. Pop and Minimalism were both equally radical. Her dual admiration, along with her commitment to examining the political climate of today, expresses itself abundantly in this show.

