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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

in the main and center galleries:

Luanne E Witkowski and Denise Marika, STRATA

in the project space:

Steven Cabral, *Seeking Balance*

September 5 - 30, 2018

Opening Reception: September 7, 5-8pm

SOUTH END BOSTON, MA (June 30, 2018) – Kingston Gallery Member Luanne E Witkowski joins with artist Denise Marika to present a dynamic collaborative exhibition. In their individual work both artists address social and environmental issues both directly and abstractly. Together in **STRATA**, Witkowski and Marika respond to patterns, materials, and places. They developed the work in this exhibition as a call and response in reaction to our ever-evolving human and natural landscape. **STRATA is on view September 5 - 30, 2018 with a SoWa First Fridays opening reception on Friday, September 7, 5 - 8pm. Kingston Gallery will also be participating in the South End Open Studios September 15th and 16th and join the artists for a discussion of their collaboration on Saturday, September 22nd at 3pm.**

Witkowski and Marika first met through teaching and facilitating MassArt's Interdisciplinary mini-residency at Haystack in Deer Isle, ME more than a decade ago. Since then the two women have supported one another in their studio practice, sharing new materials, approaches, and processes. **STRATA** is their first fully collaborative installation, an overlap of both artists' disciplines and concerns. The exhibition is a dialogue in three parts ignited by a video projection on plywood by Marika which traces the volcanic landscape, wood patterns, and topography of the earth. Witkowski responds by layering and retracing the strata, giving dimension and definition to a landscape that continuously shifts and morphs. Witkowski's panels explore the interrelationship of repeated abstract patterns, while Marika's video installation looks more closely at borders and power dynamics between people and place. Together, the artists have built an exhibit that reflects on time and the cyclical nature and power of all relationships.

Luanne E Witkowski works in a wide range of media and reflective social practice. Her works are in collections throughout the United States and abroad. Witkowski has been a member of the Kingston Gallery in Boston since 2005 and is affiliated with Hutson Gallery and AMP Gallery in Provincetown. Witkowski is a recipient of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Lifetime Achievement in Art and Commerce Commendation. In addition to her studio practice, Witkowski is the Communication Design

Studio manager, adjunct faculty, and LR-MFA Mentor at Massachusetts College of Art and Design. She teaches Creative Thinking in the Critical and Creative Thinking (CCT) graduate program at the University of Massachusetts-Boston.

Denise Marika is a video artist whose work in social practice focuses on vulnerability and the human condition. Her projects range from video installations and performances to experimental video and photography. Marika's exhibitions include solo shows at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Gardner Museum, the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston and MassMoCA as well as international galleries and screenings. She has received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, Massachusetts Cultural Council and the LEF Foundation and has been a MacDowell Fellow and Fulbright Scholar/Specialist. Marika's recent work includes collaborations with non-profit organizations in South Asia and exhibits that combine documentary and experimental video.

On view concurrently in the Kingston Project Space is *Seeking Balance*, encaustic paintings by new Gallery Associate, Steven Cabral. The work in this Kingston debut exhibition offers a visual journey of introspection and reflection, exploring the quest for solitude and balance in a society where we are overworked and constantly connected to the internet and each other. That stillness is woven through different orientations of line and color creating a quiet sanctuary for the mind, a momentary visual equilibrium. This is Cabral's first solo show at Kingston Gallery.

An artist-run gallery incorporated in 1982, Kingston Gallery exhibits work of Boston-area contemporary artists. Gallery Artists specialize in a diverse range of media, including painting, photography, sculpture, and installation. Kingston Gallery exhibitions are widely viewed and receive regular attention in both print and online publications including *Art in America*, *Art New England*, *ArtScope*, *The Boston Globe*, and *Big Red & Shiny*. Gallery hours are Wednesday–Sunday 12–5 pm and by appointment.

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