

# RICHARD GRAY GALLERY

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EXPO Art After Hours + Musical Performance by Majel Connery  
Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> | Art After Hours 6-9 PM, Performance 8-9 PM  
Gray Warehouse, 2044 West Carroll Avenue, Chicago



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CHICAGO - Richard Gray Gallery is pleased to announce participation in EXPO Chicago's Art After Hours and a live performance at Gray Warehouse by multi-hyphenate musician Majel Connery. Showcasing her breadth of talents as a vocalist, composer, producer, and former opera singer, Connery will be performing tracks from her recently released debut solo EP *Anything Chartreuse*. Inspired by Connery's intense obsession with the color green, *Anything Chartreuse* is named after a line from her favorite children's book, *When the Sky Is Like Lace*, by Elinor Lander Horwitz. Pulling from her roots in classical opera, Connery blends elements of other genres including electronic, contemporary pop, and indie rock to create her distinct musical sound and unique compositional style.

Connery's performance will take place on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM amid the gallery's current exhibition, *Leon Polk Smith: Endless Space*, a historical survey dedicated to the artist's iconic multi-part paintings and drawings. Gray Warehouse will offer extended hours from 6-9 PM in collaboration with EXPO Chicago After Hours. *Leon Polk Smith: Endless Space* opens at the gallery on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, and continues through Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **ABOUT MAJEL CONNERY**

Connery lives and works in Manhattan, New York, and Berkeley, California. Connery holds a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and a composition degree from Princeton University. In addition to her academic accomplishments and range as a performer, Connery was also the co-founder and director of Chicago-based opera company Opera Cabal (2007-2018), a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at UC Berkeley (2013-15), a Mellon Visiting Artist at Wellesley (2017), and a Mohr Visiting Artist at Stanford University (2017-18).

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## **UPCOMING FROM RICHARD GRAY GALLERY**

*Leon Polk Smith: Endless Space*, Gray Warehouse, September 13 - November 23, 2019

*Gallery Talk: David Getsy, Jonathan Katz, and William Smith*, Gray Warehouse, September 21, 12 PM

EXPO Chicago, Navy Pier, Booth 139, Chicago, September 19 - 22, 2019

Art Basel Miami Beach, December 5-8, 2019

Gray Warehouse is open 11AM - 5 PM, Wednesday – Saturday.

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