

LEFT TO RIGHT, TOP TO BOTTOM: ELEONORA RONCONI · NANCY BARON · NOELLE SWAN GILBERT · CAT GWYNN · BOOTSY HOLLER · ALINE SMITHSON

## Venice Arts Presents Six Shooters: A Photographic Conversation

LOS ANGELES, CA – (FEBRUARY 17, 2014)

**Opening Reception:** Saturday, March 1, 5–8pm

**Exhibition Dates:** March 1–May 3, 2014

**Free Public Program - Open Show: Los Angeles**  
Wednesday, March 19, 7:30pm

“A little over a year ago, six friends had lunch together...” and before the check had arrived the seed of the Six Shooters photography project had been planted. Connecting over a shared love of the medium and the difficulty of working independently, the artists settled on a collaboration that would connect both their art and themselves to each other. Their goal: to express six points of view, over six days, creating a visual thread based on subject, color, light, gesture or concept. The result: a visual train where each image presents a response to the image the day before, and like the carriages of a train, each image pulls the project forward.

On Saturday, March 1, 5–8pm, Venice Arts will host the opening reception for *Six Shooters: A Photographic Conversation*. The exhibition prompts an innovative approach to narrative, exposes the process of collaborative art-making, and engages viewers in creating for themselves a story from the visual associations on display. The exhibition will present 22 weeks of this ongoing project, featuring both work from the founding Six Shooters and the current Six Shooters, including images newly created early this year.

Six Shooters was founded in 2012 by Nancy Baron, Noelle Gilbert, Cat Gwynn, Heidi Lender, Aline Smithson, and Ashly Stohl. After reaching 500 images, two of the original Six Shooters, Heidi Lender and Ashly Stohl, moved onto other projects and the group welcomed Eleonora Ronconi and Bootsy Holler into the conversation.

On Wednesday, March 19th at 7:30 pm, in collaboration with Open Show: Los Angeles, Venice Arts will present the Six Shooters in conversation about the project. This program is free and open to the public and will be preceded by a reception.

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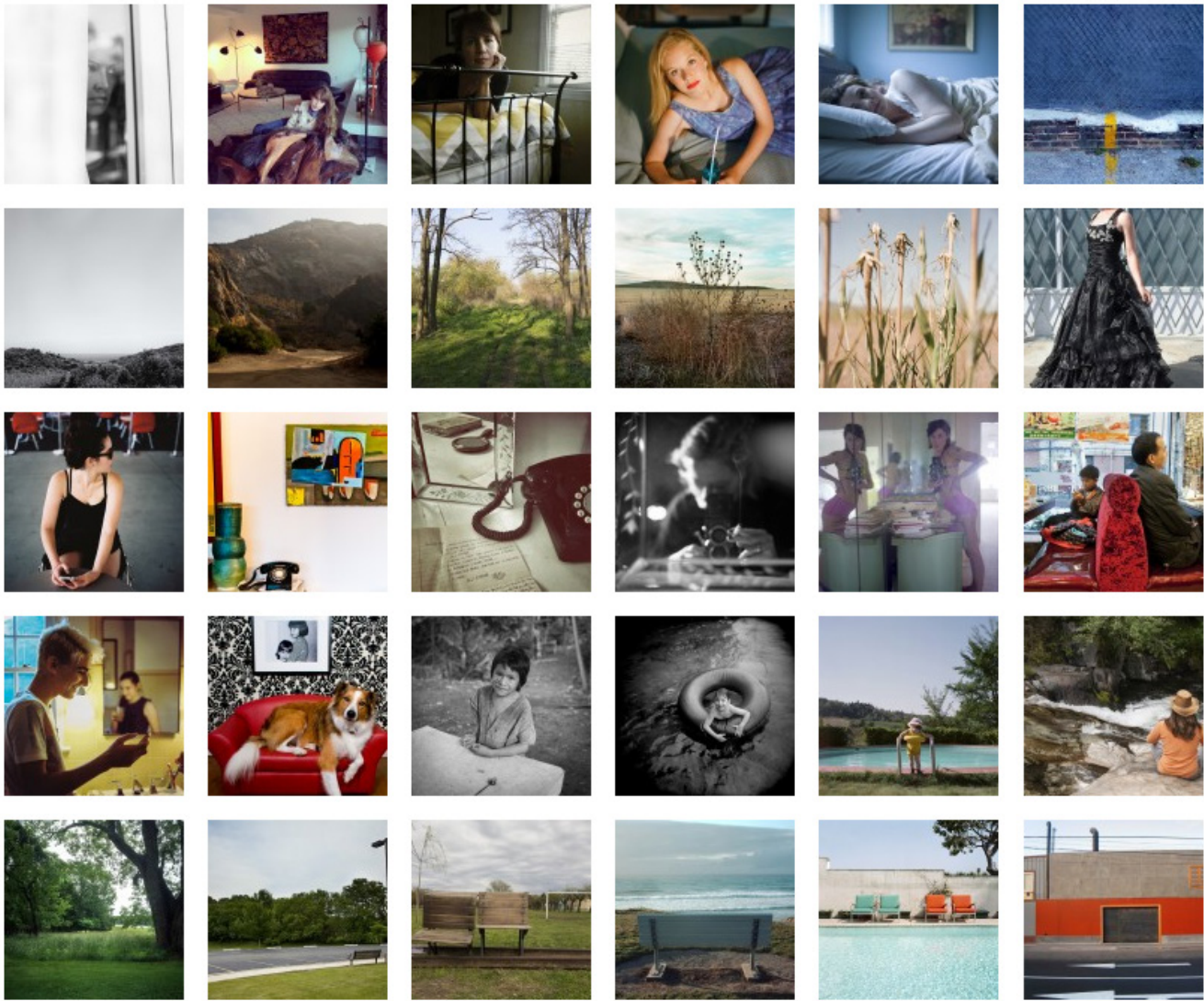
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*Six Shooters: A Photographic Conversation*, will be on display through May 3, 2014. Venice Arts is open Monday–Friday, 10am–6pm and by appointment.

**Founding Six Shooters** • February 20, 2012–September 21, 2013  
 Nancy Baron · Noelle Swan Gilbert · Cat Gwynn · Heidi Lender · Aline Smithson · Ashly Stohl

**Current Six Shooters** • September 23, 2013–Present  
 Nancy Baron · Noelle Swan Gilbert · Cat Gwynn · Bootsy Holler · Eleonora Ronconi · Aline Smithson

### About Venice Arts

Venice Arts runs education and mentoring programs in documentary photography, filmmaking, and multimedia primarily targeting Los Angeles area low-income youth. Venice Arts also implements regional, statewide, and international projects with both adults and children; presents exhibitions, public programs, and workshops for adults centered around documentary photography and film at the Venice Arts Gallery; and consults on media arts, visual storytelling, and arts education with organizations and groups locally and internationally.

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