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College of the Desert Hosts New Art Exhibition

PALM DESERT, CA — College of the Desert is proud to announce *Stonewall 50: Half a Century of LGBTQ Activism*, on display October 14 through November 14, 2019. An opening reception will be held on Tuesday, October 29 from 5-7 p.m. at the Walter N. Marks Center for the Arts. Live entertainment by DJ Rowland Akinduro of Mobile Genius and light refreshments will be provided. The event is free and open to the public.

The exhibition features the work of 13 artists, including: Stephen Baumbach, John Breitweiser, Marconi Calindas, Marlene D. Cohen, David Goetz, Terry Hastings, Sallé Kirby, Yvette Marthell, WM. Marquez, John Nagus, Felice Newman, Piper Scott and Ambriel Styve-Hector. The exhibit comprises a variety of media, including installation, video, photography, photomontage, sculpture, drawing and painting.



Stonewall 50 serves as a historical timeline regarding activism by the LGBTQ community in the United States. In the early morning hours of June 28, 1969, at Stonewall Inn in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of New York City, a group of gay, lesbian and transgendered bar patrons fought back against a police raid. The demonstrations and riots that followed are considered by most to be the beginning of the gay liberation movement in the United States.

Please join the Marks Art Center in celebrating this momentous history and in commemorating a half century of activism and pride by the LGBTQ community.

College of the Desert's Walter N. Marks Center for the Arts is located at 43500 Monterey Ave., Palm Desert. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and by appointment. For more information, please contact the Marks Art Center at 760.776.7278.

About College of the Desert:

Established in 1958, College of the Desert, located in Palm Desert, is an accredited community college serving eastern Riverside County, California. The College leads the region in providing quality, higher education, technical training and lifelong learning opportunities, in response to the dynamic needs of our diverse community. The College serves more than 18,000 students each year and is the number one source of transfer students to California State University, San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus. For more information, visit www.collegeofthedesert.edu.

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