

Letter from the Founder, Summer 2020

To our community,

In the wake of the deaths of Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Trayvon Martin, Eric Garner, Aiyana Stanley-Jones, and many, many others we have been left grief-stricken and angry. Unequivocally, we'd like to state:

BLACK LIVES MATTER.

Marianne Boesky Gallery has been a longtime proponent of social justice and has worked to give a platform to progressive issues, but we also acknowledge that we can and should do better.

I can and should do better.

Over the last few weeks, our leadership team has been reflecting on how we can increase and sustain our efforts to support the Black community and hold ourselves accountable for the actions and choices we make surrounding our support for BIPOC, diversity, and climate justice, issues that are very important to all of us. These changes are not meant to be quick fixes—they won't be easy or painless. Progress is an ongoing, long-term commitment and it's a commitment that we are prioritizing and discussing on a daily basis.

In the interest of transparency and accountability, we want to publish the pledges we are making to show you, our colleagues, patrons, artists, and staff, that we're turning our discussions and learning into concrete actions. With this public pledge we encourage our colleagues to take similar stock and reflect on what they can do within their own spaces to further these causes and transform the art world into one that is just and inclusive.

My promise:

We will continue to communicate on the topic of social change and environmental action.

We will continue to keep you updated about diversity & inclusion at Boesky Gallery.

We will continue to support the Black community, POC, and all other marginalized groups.

We will continue to use our platform to fight for racial justice.

— Marianne Boesky