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**Issyra Gallery Presents Works by Georgina Keenan and Issa Sow,
June 3-25, 2017**

HOBOKEN, NJ—*Meeting*, an exhibition featuring works by Georgina Keenan and Issa Sow, will be on view at the Issyra Gallery June 3-25.

Georgina Keenan is a self-taught artist working in cut paper and embroidery. She has been included in numerous exhibitions nationwide. The swirling lines and mythic figures that inhabit her collages and embroidered pieces are inspired by ancient depictions of the divine feminine. Composed of tiny images of lips, eyes, nipples, teeth, navels, and hair, her intricately detailed collages reconfigure photos of nude women to emphasize the navel and nipple as sources of nourishment, power and connection to elements larger than oneself. Likewise, her stitched designs portray the female body as simultaneous creator and creation. Embroidered on vintage gloves, these works echo the patterns of tattoos once worn by women in the Marquesas Islands to mark major life events.

Issa Sow is an artist and the curator and founder of Issyra Gallery. A true citizen of the world, he was born in Senegal and lived in France for several years before moving to the US—where he was “reborn,” discovering his deep passion and talent for art. Since this revelation, he has produced various unique masterpieces, ranging from acrylic paintings to drawings to mixed media. With his self-learned style and technique he has created amazing works inspired by real life. Each piece has a different personality and its own fingerprint. His artist’s signature is “Issa=2,” representing the binary aspect of all things in life.

Praise for the Issyra Gallery

“Don’t turn down an invitation to visit Issa Sow’s workspace. You may think you’ve seen studios or galleries or artists’ lofts or museums, but you haven’t seen anything until you’ve experienced the Issyra Gallery. And “experience” is the operative word. It’s not just a visual feast. It’s a mélange of tastes, scents, and sounds.”

—Kate Rounds, *Hudson Reporter*

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