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**The Anti-Trump Fine Art Movement
Curator Karen Gutfreund Releases Timely Book
Not Normal: Art in the Age of Trump**

SYRACUSE, New York – Sept. 8, 2020 – Artists around the United States and the world are raising their visual voices in protest against Donald Trump. The book *Not Normal: Art in the Age of Trump* by Karen M. Gutfreund, released July 2020, documents this artistic movement in a curated collection of art featuring the work of 147 artists. It is a lasting, eye-catching and impactful testament of the opposition movement against President Trump and the destructive, divisive, and hate-filled climate he has created as our country's 45th President.

"The times are tough these days with the leader of the free world spewing hate and misogyny," says Justin Hoover, Director of Collective Action Studio and independent curator. "Racism is on the rise and what we need from artists is a way to visualize and vocalize a counter narrative, one about love and compassion, inclusion and diversity. In *Not Normal*," the artists' righteous energy calls out these criminals in power and demand the public hold them accountable."

Artful protest, dissention and outrage is evidenced in full Technicolor display on subjects ranging from xenophobia, racism, the COVID pandemic, immigration, promotion of hatred and violence, mistrust of science and facts, government corruption and greed, the climate crisis, misogyny and women's and LBGTQ rights. While the subject matter is serious, the art is alive with color, detail and multi-layered messages, and many are delivered with an irreverent sense of humor.

"Hidden beneath the white noise of the 24-hour news cycle, a movement has started among the nation's finest activist artists," says Gutfreund, curator and author of *Not Normal*. "This artistic form of peaceful protest, featured in my book, showcases the quality and volume of anti-Trump activist art. As a curator, I want to exhibit these works to document this perspective and showcase this powerful form of expression."

This book features 350 works from artists across the United States and world. Artists use media including painting, sculpture, drawing, mixed media, digital art, photography, video, performance art and installation. While there is a great amount of diversity in the artistic styles, the artists are united in a groundswell of opposition to these "not normal" times for our democracy.

"We employ artwork to fight for human rights and social justice. I created this collection because the subject matters are timely, necessary and urgently needed to be seen in this 'fake news' and 'alternative facts' world," says Gutfreund.

Additional information including quotes/reviews of the book, a guide with chapter descriptions, curatorial essay, artist images and statements are available upon request and at KarenGutfreund.com

Karen M. Gutfreund is an independent curator and artist. Actively promoting the work of activist and feminist artists with national touring exhibitions, she has produced over thirty-five to date, managing all aspects from curation, artist and project management, as well as the installation. Gutfreund has worked in the Painting & Sculpture Department at MoMA, the Andre Emmerick Gallery, The Knoll Group, the John Berggruen Gallery, and is an art consultant to both corporations and individuals. Gutfreund served as the National Exhibitions Director for the Women's Caucus for Art. In addition, Gutfreund is a member of ArtTable, the Northern California Representative for The Feminist Art Project (TFAP), and curator for UniteWomen.org. She is currently writing a book on DIY Exhibitions.

Not Normal: Art in the Age of Trump is available on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/Not-Normal-Art-Age-Trump/dp/1632862000)

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