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RENEE ROBBINS

Galactic Lagoon

Opening reception **Saturday, January 9, 6-9pm**
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"Jackpot" 26" x 28" Acrylic on canvas

Lois Lambert Gallery presents

Galactic Lagoon, a solo exhibit of acrylic paintings on canvas by artist Renee Robbins. Robbins creates detailed environments that offer an opportunity

to contemplate our complex relationship to nature and the cosmos.

Robbins positions hybrid flora/fauna within a space that simultaneously evokes the deep sea and distant galaxies. By starting with thin washes of acrylic paint on canvas, each composition begins intuitively. As each thin layer of paint is added, forms, shapes, and more complex patterns emerge. While the imagery is often imagined, each painting has a few specific references that look like so many actual things – algae, cells, coral, carnivals, fireflies, planets, moons, and star constellations. Moving between

the real and imagined, her process of painting brings together microscopic and telescopic viewpoints.

Robbins combines oceanic with celestial spaces in order to bring attention to the wonder found all around us. Microscopic forms are meticulously layered on the same scale as planets from our solar system to bring attention to visual similarities of otherwise seemingly disparate details. Bright botanical colors merge with shapes and patterns derived from biological specimens and coral reefs to deepen our curiosity about the world. The paintings respond to biodiversity to bring an understanding or build a connection to our sense of place in the natural world.

Renee Robbins is a Chicago-based artist who has exhibited widely in numerous national solo and group exhibitions. She is included in many private and public collections. This is her first solo exhibit on the West Coast.