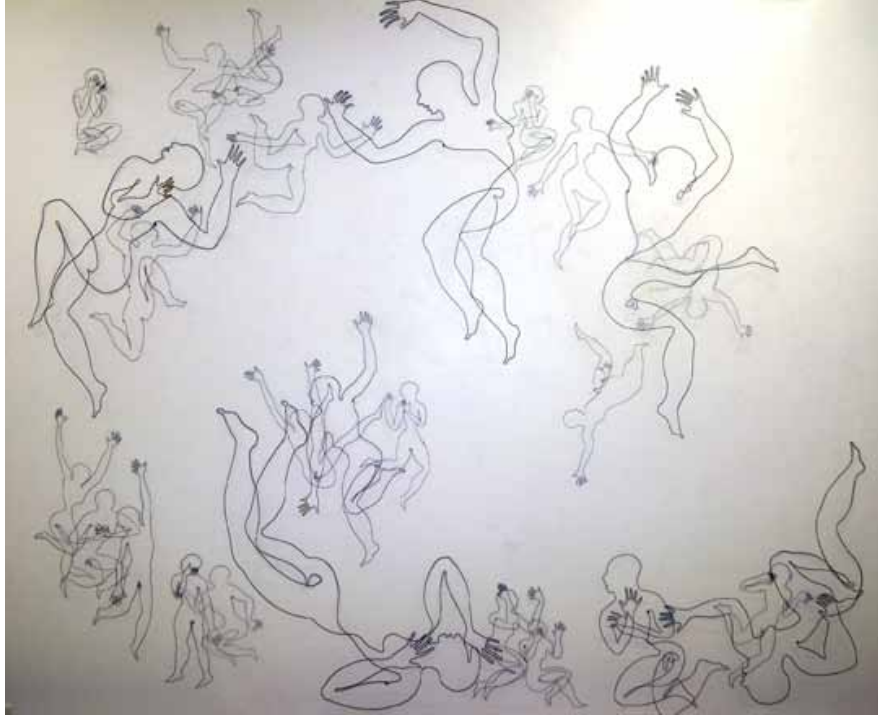


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471 25th Street
Oakland, CA 94612



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Emergent Behaviors

When: August 30 – September 24, 2011
Opening Reception Friday, September 2, 6-9PM
Artist Talk and Tour: Saturday September 10, 2-4PM.
Meet the artists and hear them speak about their art-making process.

Where: Vessel Gallery 471 25th Street Oakland, CA 94612 510 893 8800

Vessel Gallery introduces sculpture by Pamela Merory Dernham, new works by Walter James Mansfield, and jewelry by Hannah Keefe. "Emergent Behaviors" examines the nature of human and animal behaviors of collectively working, gathering or flocking together. Be it economies or markets, beehives, animal markings, team building, mass hysteria, geese, road networks, traffic jams, bacterial infection, or the web ... each are examples of emergent phenomena, where a collection of energy is emitted without control, producing results which are not explicitly "programmed". These are vigorous and resilient, yet with no single-point of failure; therefore, if a single unit fails, is lost or is stolen, the system still works. Interacting with a common environment is an emergent behavior. "Emergent Behaviors" expresses visual representations of the phenomena of coordinated behaviors occurring without prior planning.

"Emergent Behaviors" is a solo show for each artist presented, but interwoven in the presentation and concepts revealed.