

**InsideOutsiders  
Mary Heilmann and Friends**

In Mary's words -

"This show is about surf culture and geometry, and for me there is a connection. I sit in my studio, look at my work and in my mind reconfigure it, change the size, the proportions, the angles. Then I turn on Photoshop and do the same on my computer, until I force myself to stop and actually, physically do something. When I look at other people's art it's the same thing.

And at the beach: the same thing. I'm gazing at the waves figuring out the break. I make it go right or left in my imagination. I see angles in the surf. I think about where the swell has started far away around the globe. I imagine myself inside or outside of the break, or way down under the water at the bottom of the swell.

I relate to "outsider artists" who hide out and compulsively do artwork, lost in their own imagination, doing the math, all alone. Telling stories to themselves.

But we're not outsiders. All of the artists in this show are situated in the midst of vital art culture, doing work that communicates to a community. We're engaged in the cultural and aesthetic discourse talking to ourselves all alone and then going out with the work and talking to anyone else who'll listen, or look."