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Melissa Shapiro, *Leaves*, 2018, photograph, 30 x 45 inches.

To Look Through Your Eyes

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Art not only has the ability to transcend words, but it also can open a channel of communication, and unlock our personal interpretations of the world around us. *To Look Through Your Eyes* offers a fresh take on exploring our surroundings. The group exhibition was organized in partnership with Celebration Company, a social entrepreneurial program designed for adults with disabilities. Established in 2009 by Jewish Family Service of Houston, Celebration Company teaches life skills and meaningful employment to individuals who, with much joy and purpose, provide valuable services and products. The Center for Art and Photography offers Celebration Company's artists a venue to express themselves creatively and share their unique perspective of the world.

This selection of work focuses on every day subjects interpreted in an original or abstracted manner through various mediums. Ian Spindler's clever photographs consistently eliminate any trace of framework or horizon lines, isolating details of nature without contextual distraction. In his wonderfully puzzling photograph *Bridge to the Sky*, Spindler captures powerlines with a minimalistic approach, creating a linear pattern against the natural, vibrant color of the sky. Similarly, Halley Turner's photographs play with perspective and repetition, utilizing various camera angles to transform the regular into ornate patterns.

The exhibition presents varied ways of thinking through angles, creative cropping and experimentation on canvas. Gabrielle Howard's punchy painting *Tropical Rolling Bear* is abstract and full of activity in layered colors and swooping motions. Art has historically served as a way of communicating thoughts and feelings to those of other backgrounds, social classes, nationalities etc. by overpassing language or cultural barriers and communicating through imagination. At Celebration Company making art serves as an expressive outlet and a way to transform materials and thought. Producing work transports the artists into a calm mindset where they work through emotions that are difficult to express otherwise, eliciting a sense of happiness, pride and fulfillment.

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America Center and M-M Properties. Each Celebration Company artist earns commission on sold artwork, allowing them to feel that their perspective is appreciated and that they are actively contributing to the society which they live in. For more information about Celebration Company, please visit www.celebrationcompany.org. For additional information about the exhibition, please call Kinzelman Art Consulting at 713.533.9923 or visit www.kinzelmanart.com.