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(Chicago, IL)--Margin Gallery launches "Sojourn," its first group show, on Friday, September 28 at 1915 S. Halsted Street in Chicago. The collective was formed a little over a year ago by Nima Taradji of Evanston. Taradji, a co-founder of Hello Artichoke, a cooperative gallery in Los Angeles, sought to replicate that experience here. Taradji believes the exuberant scribbles of a seven year-old are as full of wonderment and passion as a Picasso. "What is intrinsic," Taradji says, "is that participation in art will in all likelihood lead to a better quality of life. "

18 months later, Margin comprises 14 members, whose works embody a range of differences and experiences as widely as the artists themselves. Painting is the medium of choice for artists Sioban Lombardi, Jason Watts, Dellamarie Parilli, Erica Huntzinger and Kris Casey. Nima Taradji and Avisheh Mohsenin express themselves through photography. Eric Steele and Beth Kamhi are sculptors; Linda Logan and Todd Logan explore conceptual art; TW Li and Pate Conaway are interdisciplinary artists; Josh Garrett creates monumental metalwork.

Ted Argiris, the show's curator, says, "I love working with these artists because they are such a talented and eclectic group. Some are emerging artists, tentatively stepping out of their shells, while others are at mid-career, ready to take on more risk and experimentation." Argiris says the group is driven by two passions: the drive toward mastery and the freedom to work untrammelled by the imprimatur of a gallery, a "school," or a fashionable movement.

"Sojourn" represents the initial steps of the Margin Art Gallery and Collective's first year's journey. Like insects in amber, these works reflect a process caught in time, forever preserved.

The show runs from September 28 to October 21.
Thursdays and Fridays from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
Saturdays from 2-8 pm, Sundays from noon-6:00 pm.
Opening reception Friday, September 28 at 6-11 pm.
Second opening reception Friday, October 12 at 6-9 pm.

For more information about the artists and their works, visit the Margin website
www.margingallery.org

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