

ANYWHERE BUT HERE

PELHAM ART CENTER

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Artists

Tomoko Abe

Doug Beube

David Bligh

András Böröcz

Lisa Corinne Davis

Dahlia Elsayed

George Ferrandi

Katarina Jerinic

Cal Lane

Marc Petrovic

Nikki Rosato

Viviane Rombaldi Seppey

Sarah G. Sharp

Robbin Ami Silverberg

John Williams

Longing, we say, because desire is full of endless distances.

— Robert Hass

When you consult a map, it is usually with purpose. What is the distance from Point A to Point B? Where in relation to your current location is your destination? Digress, and you may find yourself in a reverie: tracing a line representing a scenic road through the Santa Cruz mountain range or the gothic quarter of Barcelona, the mind wandering along with the lines, points, and markers. While maps confirm our connections to time and space – and to each other – they also suggest something more sublime.

Through a combination of personal narrative and cultural theory, the fifteen artists in the exhibition ANYWHERE BUT HERE interpret their experiences in and of the world in spiritual, philosophical, and geographical terms. Imagery, sculptural objects, and mixed media artworks are suggestive of maps and cartography, and are imbued with feelings of longing, disorientation, and wonderment. In the way that early cartographers placed the known world in relation to *terra incognita*, the artists in ANYWHERE BUT HERE similarly link the familiar aspects of maps, such as contour and boundary lines and other navigational cues, with interior elements.

Elizabeth Saperstein & Susan Nathenson, curators

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