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CAMERA-LESS IMAGES, THE HEART OF NEW 'ILLUMINATED NEGATIVES' PHOTO EXHIBIT AT GALLERY 618E

Botanicals Go Psychedelic

Gallery 618E proudly presents 'ILLUMINATED NEGATIVES' a new collection of images by Los Angeles photographer, Christine Caldwell that unveils a surprising new take on a classic darkroom technique. The gallery's first photography exhibit opens Saturday, August 9th with a public reception from 6 - 10pm at Gallery 618E located in The Brewery, the world's largest art colony, adjacent to downtown Los Angeles. The closing reception will take place Friday September 5th 7-10pm.

'ILLUMINATED NEGATIVES' presents 24 original images exploring the idea of the photographic subject as the medium. Revisiting a classic darkroom technique led Caldwell to re-imagine the photogram, among the first type of photographs ever made, and develop a method that converts objects into "negatives" creating an entirely new image without exposing a single frame of film. Transforming carefully chosen botanical specimens into negatives, Caldwell creates a colorful and vibrant new vision of organic life. *"In this Digital age, being able to use a technique as old as photography itself to create such beauty is incredibly fulfilling. These photograms combine two of my passions: nature and*

the darkroom. The ability to create vibrantly colored photographic still lifes from organic matter, without the use of a camera, is artistically intoxicating" explains Christine Caldwell.

Christine Caldwell is a commercial photographer and accomplished darkroom wiz based in Los Angeles. 'ILLUMINATED NEGATIVES' is Caldwell's first fine art gallery show. A graduate of Art Center College of Design, Caldwell has spent the last 13 years combining her photographic talents and lab expertise successfully delivering cutting-edge images to the pages of *New York Times Magazine*, *Sports Illustrated for Women* and *Men's Fitness*, among others. This fall, Caldwell adds instructor to her growing list of accomplishments when she steps in front of the classroom to teach black & white darkroom printing.

Gallery 618E makes its photography exhibition debut with Christine Caldwell's 'ILLUMINATED NEGATIVES.' *"We are very excited about Christine's art and are thrilled to be introducing her new work at Gallery 618E" says gallery director Holly Hood.* An integral part of the Los Angeles art community and participant in the bi-annual Brewery Art Walk, Gallery 618E has dedicated themselves to featuring the works of emerging Southern California artists like Caldwell. Recent successful shows have included the work of Steve Kaplan, Kristin Shaw and Tiffany Dosken-Polols.

'ILLUMINATED NEGATIVES' - Christine Caldwell's collection of limited edition photograms of leaves and flowers will be on display at Gallery 618E from August 9 through September 6, 2008. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday 12 - 6pm. More information on gallery directions, artist bio and sample images found at [HYPERLINK "www.illuminatednegatives.com"](http://www.illuminatednegatives.com)
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