



This is an exhibition about love and memory. People often experience moments that remind them of being in love, moments that are introspective and revolve around a particular time or place. The exhibition *Kamadeva and Psyche* is about sharing those moments.

Memories of love can be complicated and difficult to explain. To me, feeling the sun's warmth left in the sidewalk at night or seeing static sparks from a sweater when I pull it over my head inextricably awakens memories of being in love. Truman Capote in *Other Voices, Other Rooms* wrote, "The true beloveds of this world are in their lover's eyes, lilacs opening, ship lights, school bells, a landscape, remembered conversations, friends, a child's Sunday, lost voices, one's favorite suit, autumn and all seasons, memory, yes, it being the earth and water of existence, memory." So memories seem like natural accompaniments to love and that is why they are conjoined in this exhibition.

Love or the memories of love can be sweet or violent. Henry David Thoreau said "Love must be as much a light as it is a flame." The artists in *Kamadeva and Psyche* reference memories of love that are like flashfloods or deserts blooming after a shower. This is an exhibition about the wax and wane of love and the memory of love in varying incarnations.

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Note on Exhibition's Title:

Kamadeva is a deity within the Hindu pantheon. His attributes are a bow of sugarcane strung with a line of humming bees from which he shoots arrows of desire. Psyche is from Greek mythology. She was the mortal lover of the god Cupid.

# *Kamadeva and Psyche*

Kimberly Alexander

Candy Austin

Chris Blackhurst

Nancy Brown

Margarita Buenaventura

Joe Ely

Brian Gibb

Scott Henderson

Sarah Ester Ivey

Tania Kaufmann

Townsend Kirk

Emily Loving

Natalie Macellaio

Jorge Misium

Bruce Monroe

Kevin Obregon

Jon Cory Rankin

Jeff Resta

Julie Stephenson

Tramaine Townsend

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# **Kamadeva and Psyche**

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*The Van Ditthavong Gallery and Studio 832*

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Artist Reception

**Saturday, February 9 6:00 – 9:00 pm**

830 & 832 Exposition Avenue

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