

## BRAINBOW

Curated by Matthew Bede Murphy

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Scientists use brainbows to illustrate and observe neural patterns and pathways. They flag individual neurons with unique colors and study their collective expression in different combinations, which enables breakthroughs in the study of brain connectivity.

*Brainbow*, the exhibition, mimics this scientific process by bringing together a diverse combination of artists to illustrate the cosmology of queerness. Stark and provocatively juxtaposed images encourage the viewer to develop new interpretations and associations. We are flashed and jolted into revamping how we think about what we see and what it means.

The work is fluid, disarming, and playful. But it also speaks to the power of color, identity, and sexual liberation. Some pieces confront taboo in a full-frontal manner. Others are more flirtatious and surreptitious.

Recent science has shown the brain's endless ability to find opportunity for growth in the face of injury, obstacles, or inquiry. While the pieces in this show won't cause any harm, they all invite us to rewire and rewrite preconceived cognitive possibilities.

### *Participating Artists:*

Elijah Burgher  
Mark Chamberlain  
Blake Gildaphish  
Mike Goodlett  
Steph Gorkii  
Dan Halm  
Erik Hanson  
Eric Hubit  
Scott Hug

Darcílio Lima  
Michael Madore  
William Mortensen  
Joel Otterson  
Hermes Payrhuber  
Mauro Perucchetti  
Jesse Finley Reed  
Jon Rappleye  
Justin Yoon