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## Flowers Are An Inspiration At Art-O-Mat LIC

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Flowers are the key motif in Endless Inspiration: Flowers in the work of five LIC artists, an exhibition that opened on Thursday, May 15 at Art-O-Mat 46-46 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City. The exhibition runs through June 22.

The artists' depiction of flowers covers a range of artistic approaches in which flowers are intensified, sexualized and personalized.



Sam Seawright, Musk Rose & Hanbane



Laura Bell's, Perennial

Artist Jaime Arredondo's massive flower covers almost the entire canvas with its wide-open petals and delicate beads of water. Laura Bell's rendition reminds the viewer of the continual cycles of human history, while Wendi Gueorguiev's ceramic pieces are intensely sexual sculptures. Barbara E. Leven's close-up photography reveals qualities of a flower that are not easily discernible to the untrained eye. Sam Seawright uses his flowers, painted with sharp



Wendi Gueorguiev, Orchid, Spring

lines on a soft tinctured background, as forms of communication.

Curator Tamar Gasparian-Chester, an Astoria resident, said, "Each artist has been inspired and has communicated their vision through a flower. We all see flowers differently, and I invite you to find your inspiration in them."

Endless Inspiration-works by five Long Island City Artists will be Art-O-Mat's 19 exhibition in the Gallery since opening on October

25th, 2005.

Art-O-Mat's mission is to provide a venue to promote and preserve local arts and the community within which artists live and work.

Gallery hours are Friday and Saturday, noon to 7 p.m., Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. and occasional Thursdays or by appointment. For more information, contact [www.licweb.com/artomat](http://www.licweb.com/artomat).



Jaime Arredondo's, Gotas de Amor




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