



## Tilden Hotel

### **TILDEN HOTEL WELCOMES SAN FRANCISCO-BASED ABSTRACT ARTIST LAURIE BLESSEN IN BI-MONTHLY ART DISPLAY**

*Artist's work to be featured October 1-November 30, 2019*

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**SAN FRANCISCO (September 18, 2019)** – [Tilden Hotel](#) announces Laurie Blessen as the latest artist for its upcoming two-month local artist showcase on the ground floor of the 118-room boutique San Francisco hotel. Free to enjoy by the public and hotel guests, the Tilden Hotel rotating art series shines a light on San Francisco's spirited creativity and engaging community while directly supporting local artists. Blessen's work, in the form of abstract color field print, will be on display October 1-November 30.

A designer in both graphics and furniture by trade, Blessen recently discovered her passion for monotypes working on an etching press and is now a committed full-time abstract color field printmaker. She received a bachelor's degree in Graphic Design from the California College of the Arts.

Blessen notes a recurring motif in her work are doors and windows, signaling how "light gets let in" and reinforces strength. She says, "Working in abstraction allows the fullest expression of my life. Prolific and driven to get the complex emotions that words fail to express. The colors have a voice and the lines shows movement. Together they tell my narrative."

Guests interested in obtaining one of Blessen's featured works are welcome to purchase a piece right from the lobby walls.

To kick off the two-month residency, Tilden Hotel will host a casual welcome reception on Tuesday, October 1 from 5-8 p.m. in the lobby to honor Blessen in what is known as Tilden Tuesday. The event is a bi-monthly gathering that takes place on the first Tuesday of every other month. Open to all, the night features complimentary elevated bar bites and beverages crafted by [The Douglas Room](#), the hotel's signature restaurant and bar. The event will extend to the hotel's open and airy Backyard space.

"Laurie's art has a certain magic and richness in abstraction," said Jason Webb, general manager of the Tilden Hotel. "We're excited to showcase her work to our guests and the community through our Tilden Hotel Art Program and hope the display helps raise awareness for Laurie as a rising San Francisco artist."

The Tilden Hotel Art Program is supported through the local community and various local organizations including Wildflowers Institute, Hospitality House, the De Marillac Academy and more. With an emphasis on all things local, Tilden Hotel purchases an art piece from each spotlighted artist that is added to the hotel's growing private collection of local works. 100 percent of proceeds of all art purchased at Tilden Tuesday will go directly to the artists.

Tilden Hotel is a proud partner of the SF First Thursday Art Walk, a community-led monthly event hosted by various gallery owners and artist studios in the Lower Polk and Tenderloin neighborhoods in San Francisco. The Art Walk is every first Thursday of the month from 6-10 p.m.

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#### **ABOUT TILDEN HOTEL**

Walking distance to Union Square in San Francisco, Tilden Hotel is a 118-room boutique hotel designed by Studio Tack. Tilden Hotel reinterprets ideas of minimalism with a refined sense of composure instilled in every space, from the residential-inspired lobby and relaxed, sophisticated guest rooms to the lively restaurant & bar, The Douglas Room. Other amenities include a locally sourced mini bar, Tilden Café serving Equator Coffee espresso drinks and drip coffee, The Rooftop signature indoor/outdoor event space with 360-degree city views, and artwork installations by local artists throughout. Tilden Hotel was chosen as a Midscale Public Space winner in Hospitality Design Magazine's 2019 HD Awards. For reservations and additional information on Tilden Hotel, visit [www.tildenhotel.com](http://www.tildenhotel.com), call (415) 673-2332, or connect on Instagram [@tildenhotel](https://www.instagram.com/tildenhotel) or Facebook [@TildenHotel](https://www.facebook.com/TildenHotel).

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