

Koak

Shadowplay,

EXHIBIT XII

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Name: **Koak** Age: 42 Birthplace: Lansing, Michigan
Home: San Francisco, California Discipline: Painting, drawing and sculpture

What are the main topics you deal with in your practice?

Nuance and the duality of feeling - I try to move beyond simple binaries to embrace the complexities of life.

How do you define your artistic research in three words?

Act of living.

What or who inspires you the most?

Small moments that catch me off guard and ask me to examine the world in a new light.

Where and how do you find beauty?

In emotion, in all its forms. In the necessity of variance for balance.

What do you stand for, both as an artist and a human being?

Communication, although I'm often terrible at it, is the thing I reach for most. It's always been sort of an elusive grail for me, backed by the mostly unwavering hope that with more of it, this world would be better.

What remains timeless for you?

The human condition.

