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WAVE POOL GALLERY TO HOST “UNDER THE OWL’S EYE” BY MARCY PETIT, THE SARA VANCE WADDELL ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Wave Pool is pleased to announce the exhibition opening of Marcy Petit’s, “Under the Owl’s Eye” opening on May 10th from 6-9pm. Marcy was selected as this year’s Sara Vance Waddell Artist in Residence where she will be exhibiting a new body of work.

During her 5 week residency at Wave Pool Gallery in Camp Washington, Marcy Petit will create a series of installations and a performance exploring the loss and the reclaiming of women’s ancestral ties to nature. Drawing from eco-feminist perspectives, folklore rooted in French-Celtic heritage and personal stories, this project reimagines forgotten spaces of feminine power, resistance, and healing.

Marcy Petit will evoke a generation of women who once held ancestral knowledge — connected to plants, rituals, the land — and who gradually lost this wisdom through time, societal shifts, and capitalist transformations. Together, these works create a fragile yet defiant landscape — a space haunted by what has been lost, but fiercely alive with what can still be reclaimed.

In addition to the exhibition, Marcy will be collaborating with several other local organizations for public programming. She will be hosting events at the Contemporary Arts Center, Smale Park, and Imago. Please see details and links for more info below.

About the Artist:

Marcy Petit is a French interdisciplinary artist whose work spans photography, installation, performance, video, sound, textile, and beyond. She studied Fine Art at the University of Rennes and earned a Master's degree in Contemporary Art Management from the University of Leeds and Paris 8. After living in the U.K. for many years, she now lives and works in San Francisco, California.

Marcy’s diverse body of work critically engages with social, political, and cultural issues, with a particular focus on gender, feminism, social identity, and environmental concerns. Her creations are often rooted in personal memories, exploring the intersections of popular culture, the female condition, and lived experiences. Driven by a deep ecofeminist perspective, Marcy’s recent work reflects an urgent interest in the natural world and landscapes, invoking folklore and myths as a feminist and political tool. Her exploration of these themes allows her to merge art, magic, and activism, creating a unique dialogue that challenges conventional narratives and invites viewers to consider their place within these complex stories. Having exhibited internationally, Marcy Petit continues to develop new projects that invite audiences into a dynamic conversation about the ever-evolving relationships between art, society, and nature.



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IF YOU GO:

What: OPENING RECEPTION

When: Saturday, May 10th, 6-9 PM

Where: Wave Pool, 2940 Colerain Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45225

Admission: FREE, open to the public

What: Family Festival: Under the Rainbow at the Contemporary Arts Center

When: Saturday, April 12th, 11am-2pm

Where: Contemporary Arts Center, 44 E 6th St., Cincinnati, OH 45202

Admission: FREE, open to the public

More info:

<https://www.contemporaryartscenter.org/experience/calendar/2025/04/12/family-festival-under-the-rainbow>

What: Art Play Hike with the Contemporary Arts Center

When: Saturday, May 23rd, 10:30-11:30am

Where: Smale Park, 166 W. Mehring Way, Cincinnati, OH 45202

Admission: FREE, registration required:

<https://www.contemporaryartscenter.org/experience/calendar/2025/05/23/art-play-hike-smale-park>

What: In the Middle of Everything Opening and Workshop

When: Saturday, May 31st, 1-4pm

Where: Imago, 700 Enright Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45205

Admission: FREE, open to the public

More info: <https://imagoearth.org/event/in-the-middle-of-everything-opening-and-workshop/>

Attached Image Credits:

Image 1: portrait of artist, Marcy Petit, courtesy of the artist

Image 2: installation materials by Marcy Petit, courtesy of the artist

For more information please contact Skip Cullen, skip@wavepoolgallery.org

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