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Guest Artist: Brianna Mims

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My current artistic practice is a product of profuse discarding and reclaiming. As I aim to make honest work, I've had to rediscover my own cultural and historical legacy. Over the past two years, this knowledge has fortified me with a new sense of empowerment. And through my art practice I have found my own context.

In my practice, I rely on a variety of mediums to allow for full self-expression. This choice of medium reflects my relationship to the themes of my work. The themes that occupy my regular ruminations allow for more experimentation. By using mediums to challenge myself I often find a path out of those thought cycles. In works like *Wire Bra*, the rigidity of the medium facilitated a letting of internalized hatred. When I'm working with more subconscious themes, I need to find refuge in the medium until the themes present themselves. Currently working with ideas of utopia and the erotic, I find myself seeking comfort in familiar mediums.

When there's clay in my hands, I can get through anything. As I make something tangible of my experiences, I use literature and psych research to contextualize the work. In pieces like *Fractured Identity*, the medium challenged me to make my purpose concise. The painting represents a digestion of theory. The process exposed my own fragmenting of self as a means of survival. As I work to contextualize my own survival through art, I've found space to live. Space for my intuition to guide me and ground my practice. My work creates space for community and future selves.







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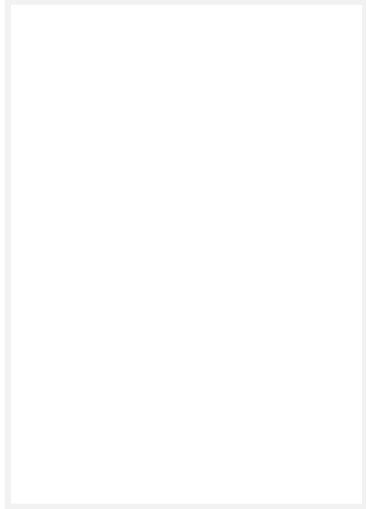
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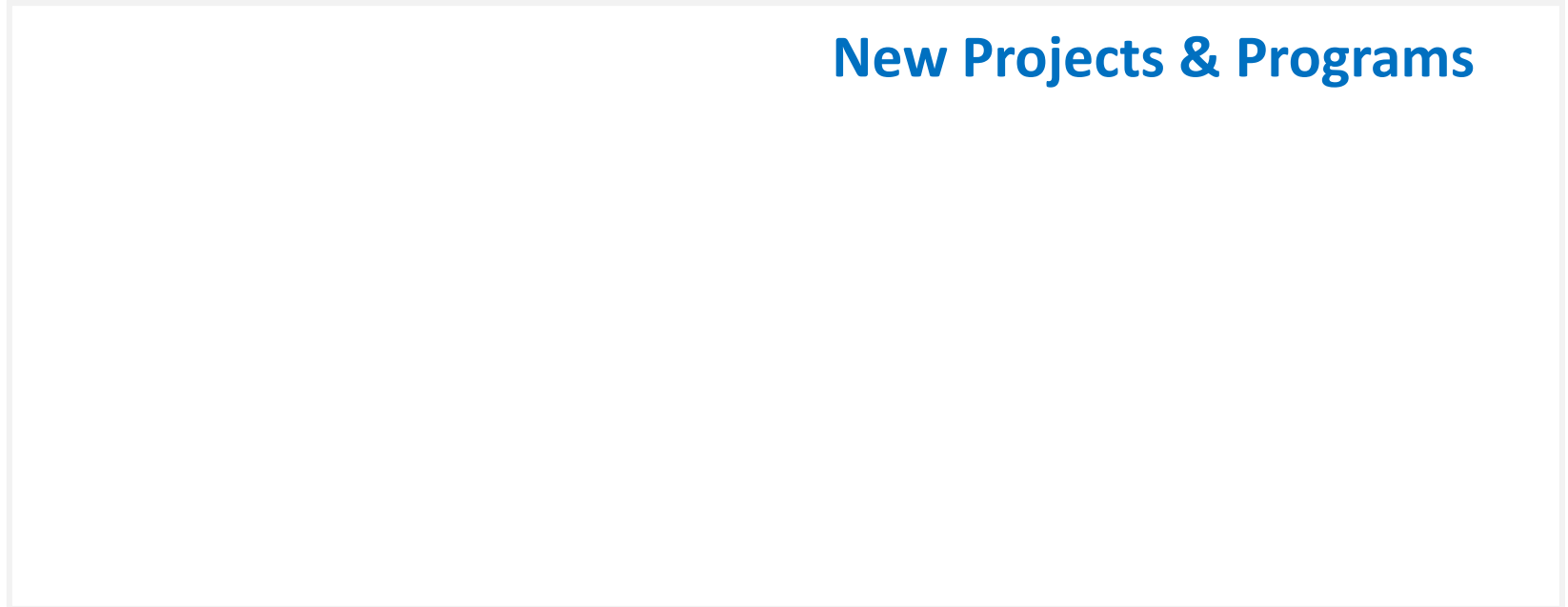
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