

Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art

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Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art (BMoCA) Announces Performing Self

Spring Exhibition Opening Reception January 25, 6-8pm

BOULDER, CO - January 4, 2024 – Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art's next exhibition will be *Performing Self.* This exhibition will be on display from January 25 to April 28, 2024 at the flagship location in Boulder.

Performing Self is a look into how seven multidisciplinary artists celebrate the mutability of self-identity through the embodiment of alter egos or personae as a means to push against the boundaries of their own positionality.





Above left: Laura Lee Shill (Denver, Colorado), **Still Available for Parties** (detail), 2023, photo documentation of grief performed as humiliation and persistence. Above right: Sherry Wiggins (Boulder, Colorado) & Luís Filipe Branco (Lisbon, Portugal), **Cleopatra Snake Wrangler III** (detail), 2023, archival digital print. Images courtesy of the artists.

Through photography, video, painting, and installation, artists: Tobias Fike, Noa Fodrie, Laura Lee Shill, Louis Trujillo, Eriko Tsogo, and Sherry Wiggins & Luís Filipe Branco reveal how performance plays a role in the fluid construction of self-portraiture in our increasingly image-conscious culture.



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The work on view exposes the theatricality behind the act of self-transformation through the ritualized use of costume, makeup, and movement conjointly with varying degrees of humor, humility, and empowerment. In so doing, the impulse to shapeshift serves as both a springboard and a safety net to explore themes related to aging, loneliness, divisiveness, and displacement, as a form of self-care, socio-political resistance, and time travel.





Above left: Eriko Tsogo (Brooklyn, New York), Yellow Terror BBQ Gourmet NFT Sauce Signature Da Fire' Extra Spicy Bold & Sassy goes whoosh!, 2023, barbeque sauce, BBQ custom graphic label. Above right: Tobias Fike (Arvada, Colorado), Portrait of a Simple Man, 2023, video still. Images courtesy of the artists.





Above left: Noa Fodrie (Boulder, Colorado), **Transitionary Period** (detail), 2018, acrylic on canvas. 30" x 40".

Above right: Louis Trujillo (Aurora, Colorado), **Art is a Drag** (detail), 2023, digital c-print.

Images courtesy of the artists.



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Events Schedule:

Spring Exhibition Opening Reception @ BMoCA

Thursday January 25, 2024 5-6pm member preview (free) 6-8pm public reception (Pay From Your Heart)

Kiki House of Felicity Ball at BMoCA

Thursday, February 22, 2024 6 - 8pm \$20 / \$15 members

Join us for a performance by Kiki House of Felicity, learn more about the underground kiki ballroom dance scene, and take a turn on the catwalk. Presented in collaboration with the Black Movement Festival: Boulder.

Simulated Selves: Panel Discussion

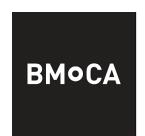
Thursday, March 14, 2024 @ BMoCA 5:30 - 6:30pm \$15 / \$10 members

How do you present yourself in the digital vs. physical world? BMoCA curator Jane Burke will moderate a tech and art focused panel discussion on trends in online personae featuring digital media experts.

The Spring Exhibition and BMoCA's annual exhibition fund are generously underwritten by The Kelley / Knox Family Foundation, The Kemper Family Foundations, UMB Bank, n.a., Trustee, the Scintilla Foundation, Amie Knox & Jim Kelley, Lynn McGowin, Stacey Steers & David Brunel, City of Boulder, Boulder Arts Commission, and the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District.

About BMoCA

Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art (BMoCA) inspires creativity and fosters community through contemporary art. Since 1972 BMoCA has grown from an artist-founded arts center into a regional leader in amplifying artists and serving diverse communities. As a non-collecting museum, BMoCA annually serves 170,000+ people through 20+ exhibitions and 600+ programs at its flagship facility in Boulder, CO and 40+ partner locations across the Denver metro area. BMoCA supports artists through exhibitions, programs, commissions, and publications and features 250+ artists each year.



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BMoCA is located at 1750 13th Street in downtown Boulder, Colorado. The museum is open 11am–5pm Tuesday–Sunday (Open at 9am on Saturdays & until 8pm on Wednesdays during Boulder Farmers Market). Starting on October 13, 2023, admission will be "Pay from Your Heart." BMoCA.org / 303.443.2122.

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