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CULTIVATE GRAND OPENING EXHIBITION

The Earth and Its Inhabitants

Grand Rapids, MI, February 3rd - On the one year anniversary of their launch, Cultivate is proud to present, *The Earth and Its Inhabitants*, an exhibition featuring artists Adriana Barrios, Cristina Molina and Jonathan Traviesa. The selected work will showcase projection, hanging installation, and photography. It will run from February 3rd through March 24th, 2023 with an opening reception on February 3rd from 4pm - 9pm.

Named after a chapter in *Tristes Tropique* (Sad Tropics), written by Claude Lévi-Strauss, this exhibition is an artistic and anthropological observation in self and nature, *The Earth and Its Inhabitants* calls viewers to become active participants as we mind our changing selves in a changing landscape.

Featuring a projected film *Synchronous Gaze* by Adriana Barrios, and *Florida Natives* and *Citrus Limbo*, a collaborative installation of large hanging silks and photography by Cristina Molina and Jonathan Traviesa, this work is centered in identity, loss, and the changing terrain. The artists call us to observe this present moment and this changing time, knowing that we, as people, are ever evolving, just as our environment is ever evolving. We are called to ask ourselves: How have we changed? How does the world change around us? What is lost, and what is gained?

The Earth and Its Inhabitants features Adriana Barrios's projected installation from her project, *Synchronous Gaze*. The projected installation contains a live feed from the ISS HD Earth Viewing Experiment, which orbits approximately 200 miles about the Earth. As Barrios states, "This experience demands us to be an active participant in the artwork requiring us to consider our place in the world at that very moment."

Inspired by the title of Claude Levi-Strauss's book *Tristes Tropiques*, this collaborative installation features large hanging silks and photography by Cristina Molina and Jonathan Traviesa. The work focuses on the psychological landscape of paradise and our ever changing role in it.

Beyond Cultivate's exhibition, the artist's works has been exhibited in the New Orleans Museum of Art, Cleveland Institute of Art, Contemporary Arts Center New Orleans, Studio 84 in Florence, Italy, Madison



Museum of Contemporary Art in Madison, Wisconsin, The Ogden Museum of Southern Art, The Polk Museum, New Orleans Film Festival, and Syros International Film Festival among others.

Cultivate is an art organization located in Grand Rapids, MI, that offers a contemporary art gallery, studio-based arts education for ages 3 - adult, and an artist resource center. Their team is composed of 40+ professional artists, established curators, certified and trained teachers, and industry experts.

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