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Holding

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2nd, 3rd, and 5th Floor Galleries



Erika Somogyi, *Never Ending Story*, 2023, watercolor on paper, 18 x 24 in (45.7 x 61 cm)

Van Doren Waxter and Kristen Lorello are pleased to present *Holding*, a joint summer group exhibition that unites an esteemed ensemble of women and non-binary artists of different backgrounds, generations, and artistic traditions. Curated by Kristen Lorello, this assembly of artistic voices converges around the profound notion of holding, exploring its multifarious manifestations and varied interpretations. The exhibition will be on view from July 12 – August 18, 2023, on the second, third, and fifth floor at both galleries' 1907 historical townhouse at 23 East 73rd Street.

As a unifying theme, the act of holding serves as an evocative lens where abstract interrogations of the physical and cultural experiences of womanhood are observed. The artists interrogate the role of women as builders, archivists, preservers. The subjects of these works are depicted in a multitude of roles, from carriers of human cultural traditions to vital supports for the natural world. These interrogations of gender and womanhood are as mystical as they

are corporeal. Meditative abstract works by artists such as Jackie Saccoccio, Theresa Daddezio, and Maria Stabio will be included in the exhibition alongside figurative works by Judy Chicago, Lorraine O'Grady, and Emma Amos, each of whom express their understanding of gender through an embodied physicality of subject. Twenty-one artists will be included in the group exhibition.

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