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THE SECRET LIFE

Co-curated with Leidy Churchman

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Caught in a tangle between scientific truth and our own spiritual longing, is a secret life which is undeniable and relentless. We are pleased to present a cross-generational group exhibition, inspired by the 1979 documentary film 'The Secret Life of Plants', featuring artists who approach the natural world with an intuitive sense of curiosity and profound inventiveness.

The film, as well as the book on which it is based, revealed unusual phenomena regarding plants, such as perception and feeling, discovered through controversial experimentation. The proposed theories have effectively acted as a stimulus for continued inquiry into materiality, structures of language and time, and the unexpected links between the human anatomy and plants. As these ideas gain momentum they steer towards outrageous results and it is within this wildly imaginative and perhaps hallucinatory state that we find ourselves living the secret life. Here we can be both affectionate as well as methodical while we investigate our connection to other worlds and the multiplicity of the past and the future.

For the opening, Sergei Tcherepnin will perform with his work 'Garden of Tongues', 2014.

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