

Mock Serenade

Bri Williams

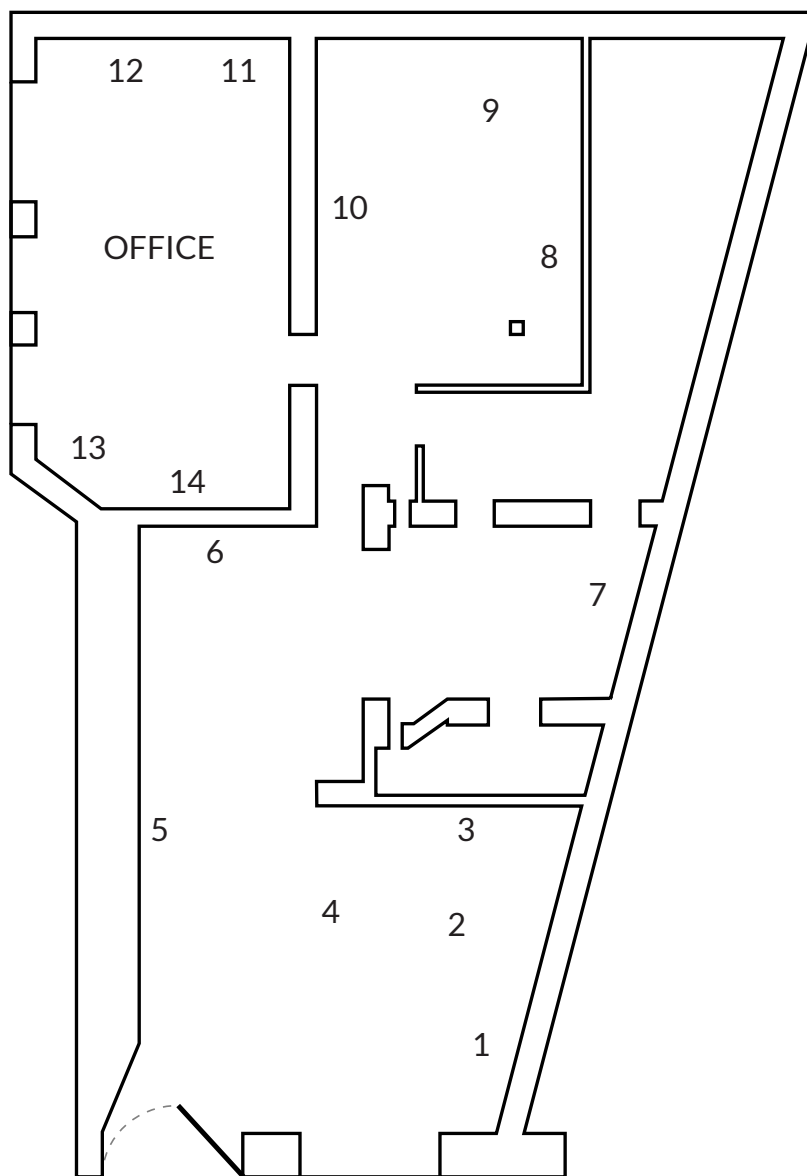
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Dvir Gallery is delighted to announce "Mock Serenade", the first solo show with Dvir gallery of Bri Williams (United-States), on view from May 11 to July 13, 2023.

"The mocking serenade is a centuries old ritual described as a form of street theatre meant to humiliate and ridicule someone who had violated either a public or private social norm. It was carried out not by those seeking power over others, nor was it a protest; it was people living by their own rules. A mocking serenade stakes a claim to the use of humiliation, refusing to be numbed by it, using it instead, as a means to control one's own cultural life. I wish to reclaim the idea of mockery, the external and the internal, the mind games, the shame, the violence. What does it mean to celebrate failures and the journey that becomes of it? The moments of anger, fear, hopelessness, and then, acceptance. For all thoughts, dreams, and nightmares that come to surface in the mind could only be true if they are conditioned to be.

It can be loud, monstrous, and invasive. But also fruitful, alive, and delusional. It is thrilling to be strapped to a chair and paraded around naked. Here it all is. Flawed, but always beautiful."

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1. *Surrender*, 2023

resin, lace, cabinet, conch shells, silicone
168 x 44.5 x 32 cm, unique

2. *A Person*, 2023

resin, blood, handkerchief, wax, glass, flowers
54 x 34 x 14.5 cm, unique

3. *The floorboards shake and knees give out*, 2021

soap, rust dyed quilt, earring parts, wood, nails
73 x 88.5 x 1.5 cm, unique

4. *Rapture*, 2021

soap, raven wings, bookshelf, keys, belt
87 x 73 x 32 cm, unique

5. *Soft Bite*, 2023

resin, soap, metal, ribbon, cardboard, garbage bag
56.5 x 74 x 3 cm, unique

6. *Fall, Slip, Stammer*, 2023

roses, resin, wax, glass, mirror, soap
198 x 122 x 3 cm, unique

7. *Solar Plexus*, 2023

soap, wax, spray paint
48.5 x 36 x 7.5 cm, unique

8. *Torso*, 2018

stained soap, necklace, resin
38.1 x 25.4 x 3 cm, unique

9. *Thick Skin*, 2023

silicone, metal, sequin jacket
32 x 80.5 x 90 cm, unique

10. *Untitled, Target*, 2023

roses, resin, store sign letter, soap, wood
73 x 34.5 x 10.5 cm, unique

11. *Precipice II*, 2023

soap, metal
116 x 118.5 x 19.5 cm, unique

12. *Restrained System*, 2023

silicone, crickets, bedframe sheet
133 x 72 x 10 cm, unique

13. *Pest Control*, 2020

resin, soap, wax, sharpie, frame
61 x 50.8 x 1.3 cm, unique

14. *Rapunzel*, 2021

nightgown, soap, chewing gum, keys, decorative grille, wooden box
88 x 50 cm, unique