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Walker Walls Tarver

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In a dream I was explained in perfect detail the way a house was a monument, how buildings are built to outlive us, as I sat in a bathtub.

I returned to that huge department store that I visit occasionally in my dreams that has so many floors. The room I'm in is like an old high school gym. There is a swimming pool underneath the floorboards and a waxed wood stage with heavy red curtains. I run into my old professor by the carved meat.

The city is a glass of water with sand at the bottom.

I pull something from my mouth and it starts filling with blood. It rinses my gums bright red and pours out as I watch in the mirror. I hold my face above the sink so it can spill.

The moon and sun rise together.

My dream last night is remembered only now, as round and red and perforated.

Walker Walls Tarver (b. 1995, Palo Alto, CA) lives and works between New York, San Antonio, and Detroit. She received her MFA in Painting from Cranbrook Academy of Art in 2023, where she was a Gilbert Fellow, and a BA from Colorado College in 2018. Tarver is the daughter of Claire Alexia Walls, the sister of Nanette-Rose Walls Tarver, and the granddaughter of Tinka Tarver and Grace Walls. She is the grand-niece of Vernetta Tolliver, Geraldine Graves, Gertrude Graves, Diane Graves, and Rose Marie Graves, and the great-granddaughter of Nannette Anderson, Rose Frances Johnson, Mildred Hackett, and Jennie Walker Banks. This is the artist's first solo exhibition in New York.

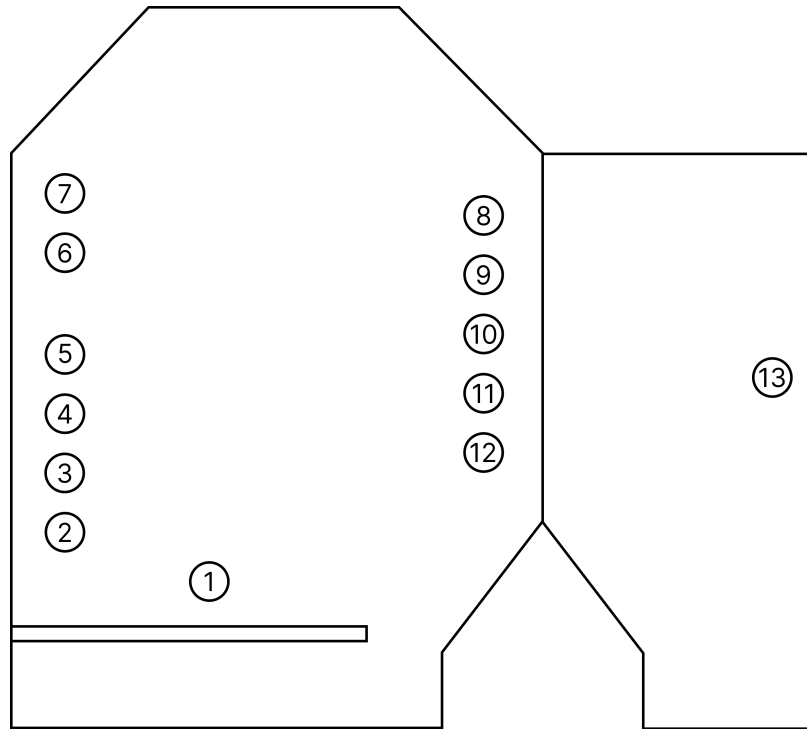
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CHECKLIST



1. *October Study*, 2023. Acrylic on board. 8 x 6 inches.
2. *025*, 2021. Acrylic on board. 8 x 6 inches.
3. *002*, 2021. Acrylic on board. 8 x 6 inches.
4. *100*, 2021. Acrylic on board. 8 x 6 inches.
5. *072*, 2021. Acrylic on board. 8 x 6 inches.
6. *006*, 2021. Acrylic on board. 8 x 6 inches.

7. *069*, 2021. Acrylic on board. 8 x 6 inches.
8. *063*, 2021. Acrylic on board. 8 x 6 inches.
9. *004*, 2022. Acrylic on board. 8 x 6 inches.
10. *086*, 2021. Acrylic on board. 8 x 6 inches.
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