

Nest: The Performances

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TRIDENT GALLERY is pleased to present *Nest*, a third annual partnership with the Museum of American Bird Art at Mass Audubon to present a program of visual and performance art with a natural history theme.

This year's program explores birds' nests as wondrous natural objects, emblems of shelter, and monuments in the cycle of life and death.

On view from January 30 through March 6 will be prints, paintings, photographs, and drawings from the Mass Audubon collection and by gallery artists. Public gallery hours during *Nest* are Saturday 10–7; Thursday, Friday, Sunday, and Monday 10–5. On Saturday, February 13th, 5–7pm, the gallery will host a public wine and cheese reception to celebrate the exhibition.

On Saturday, February 6, at 7:00pm and 8:30pm, a program of performance art will develop the exploration and invite public participation. Cellist Kristen Miller and dancer Sarah Slifer Swift will present a new duet, Kate Tarlow Morgan will create a performance environment, and other contributors will share poetry and movement.

The program will begin with the communal construction of a nest in the gallery. **The public is invited to bring and add to the nest an object, drawing, or words which answer the question, *What makes you feel safe?*** Following the 8:30pm performance, the public is invited to remain for light refreshments and conversation.

Nest: The Performances is a production of the Trident Live Art Series, directed by Sarah Slifer Swift and supported by Trident Gallery and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Admission is free. A \$10 suggested donation compensates the artists. Seating is limited. Guests may reserve seats online at Trident.Gallery, by calling the gallery, or by sending e-mail to events@TridentGallery.com. The gallery will close at 5pm to prepare; doors open at 6:30pm for the 7:00pm performance and 8:15pm for the 8:30pm performance. For further information and if severe winter weather is forecast, please see the gallery's web site and social media.

Trident Gallery shows beautiful and intelligent contemporary art in all mediums, emphasizing the work of artists continuing Gloucester's rich legacy as a center for new American Art. Gallery Director Dr. Matthew Swift curates and produces the exhibitions, drawing on over twenty years of multi-disciplinary scholarship, teaching, and creative exploration.

The **Trident Live Art Series** presents performances by seasoned professionals showing experimental and collaborative work in the intimate salon setting of the gallery. Live Art Series Director Sarah Slifer Swift curates and produces the performances, drawing on over twenty

years of experience in the United States and abroad as a dance artist, choreographer, and producer.

For further information on Trident Gallery, the Trident Live Art Series, and *Nest*, visit [Trident.Gallery](#) or call the gallery at 978-491-7785.

The **Museum of American Bird Art at Mass Audubon** is a professional art museum within New England's largest conservation organization, connecting people and nature through art. Located on a wildlife sanctuary in Canton MA and directed by Amy Montague, the museum houses Mass Audubon's extensive art collection and mounts exhibitions of art by internationally recognized artists inspired by nature. For further information, visit massaudubon.org/maba.