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Pressure Cookie

Melinda Laszczynski
Hallway Gallery

Exhibition Dates: May 27 – July 23, 2022
Opening Reception: 6 – 8 PM, Friday, May 27, 2022
Artist Talks: 2 PM Saturday, May 28, 2022

(image on right) *Loop*, 2021, Melinda Laszczynski,
Dyed and cast paper pulp, lenticular, plastic rose,
tempera stick, and watercolor on bisqueware
Image courtesy of the artist.



May 11, 2022. Houston, TX - Art League Houston (ALH) is proud to present the exhibition, *Pressure Cookie*, an installation of new works by Melinda Laszczynski in the Hallway Gallery. The exhibition consists primarily of large paintings and small sculptures. All of the paintings and the sculptures in the exhibition are abstract, made of dyed and cast paper pulp encrusted with paint, glitter, found objects, and other materials. The surfaces read as confectionary archeological sites with layers of color and texture spilling into dense, tactile landscapes, some of which are multiples cast from a single painting. Embedded within these forms are fragments of cassette tape, documents, and notes that the artist's grandmother shredded as she began to struggle with dementia. Through a process of soaking, blending, pouring, drying, folding, and layering, these materials are altered much like memory- rearranged, forgotten, recalled, and rearranged again.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Melinda Laszczynski Melinda Laszczynski received her MFA in Painting and Drawing from the University of Houston and her BFA in Painting from the Cleveland Institute of Art. She is a Professor of Studio Art at Houston Community College. Laszczynski was a resident in the 2016-2017 Lawndale Art Center Artist Studio Program, the Spring 2021 Artists-in-Residence program at the Printing Museum, and the Vermont Studio Center. Laszczynski has shown her work extensively across Texas. Recently, her work has been exhibited at the Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, Gallery at UTA in Arlington, Point of Contact Gallery in Syracuse, NY, and Survival Kit Gallery in Cleveland, OH. Her work has also been exhibited at Cardoza Fine Art, Galleri Urbane, Pulse Miami, and the



Amarillo Museum of Art 600 Sculpture Biennial. Laszczynski's work is included in the collections of UTSW (Dallas), Toyota (Dallas), and Lester Marks (Houston). She lives and works in Houston, TX with her partner John and their cats Agnes and Krudler.

For more information, visit www.artleaguehouston.org, or contact Jimmy Castillo, Director of Exhibitions and Curatorial Projects, at jimmy@artleaguehouston.org or 713-523-9530.

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