

Garrison Art Center

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Sandy Moore: *This Happened*

April 8 – May 7, 2023

Opening Reception: Saturday, April 8, 5 - 7 pm

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LEFT: 1700 *Uprootings, Rape, Beatings*, 2017, 23" x 30", watercolor

RIGHT: 1850 *This is Unfinished Business*, 2019, 22" x 30", watercolor

March 5, 2023, Garrison, NY - Garrison Art Center (GAC) is pleased to announce *This Happened*, an exhibition of paintings by Sandy Moore. This is the artist's first solo show at Garrison Art Center. The exhibition will run from April 8 – May 7, 2023, with an opening reception on Saturday, April 8, from 5-7 pm.

This Happened is a storyboard, a series of tableau vivant-like paintings grappling with collective (racial) responsibility and Sandy's feeling culpable for white people's behavior towards black and brown people, spanning from 1500 to the present day. In 2015, Sandy's life returned full circle back to making art, after spending many years as a doctor. That experience brought a sense of humanity and knowledge of the human body, that she would not have had without her experience as a physician.

"One of my principle intents - to discuss that the brutality of racism has been intractable for centuries - rings even more relevant now," said Sandy Moore. "This motivates me to continue to share *This Happened*. These paintings are not literal, historical, or polemical, but they try to show how delusional and intractable the racist behavior of whites has been."

Moore continues, "The gulf between what our eyes see and the images we are able to make is vast - maybe because of how hard we look away from what we see. And we don't listen so well, either. As a doctor and an artist, I have to hope that our acquired, willful deaf-blindness can be reversed. If together we see honestly, pay humble attention, and listen hard, then observation can combust into meaning, and meaning can point our way. Together, we are less lost. In the current struggle, who doesn't want beauty and compassion to triumph?"

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This Happened will be on view in the Balter Gallery, concurrent with *Eternal Becoming*, an exhibition of ceramic sculptures and Fire Paintings by Tony Moore in the Gillette Gallery. The Galleries at Garrison Art Center are open Tuesday – Friday, Sunday, 10 - 5 pm, and Saturday, 12 - 5 pm.

For Additional Information

To learn more about Sandy Moore, visit www.sandymooreartist.com. For information about exhibitions, classes, and other programs at the Garrison Art Center, please visit garrisonartcenter.org or call 845.424.3960. Join the conversation via Instagram @GarrisonArtCenter.

About The Garrison Art Center

The Garrison Art Center (GAC), located in Garrison, NY, is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit arts and education organization founded in 1964. GAC is committed to making a difference by providing access to the visual arts to a diverse audience of learners, professional artists, community members, collectors, families, and friends from varied ethnic, cultural, geographic, and economic backgrounds.



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