

Garrison Art Center

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Lindsey Guile : *Uncensored*

February 18 - March 19, 2023

Opening Reception: Saturday, February 18, 5 - 7 pm

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LEFT: *Content*, 2021, 76" x 50", charcoal on Stonehenge Paper

RIGHT: *Released*, 2021, 74" x 40", charcoal on Stonehenge Paper

December 22, 2022, Garrison, NY - Garrison Art Center (GAC) is pleased to announce *Uncensored*, an exhibition of drawings by Lindsey Guile. This is the artist's first solo show at Garrison Art Center. The exhibition will run from February 18 – March 19, 2023 in the Gillette Gallery. There will be an opening reception on Saturday, February 18, from 5-7 pm.

"I am fat. It always shocks people when I say this. They rush to tell me that I am not, that I am beautiful, or sometimes that I am some other more socially acceptable word for fat," says artist Lindsey Guile. "My fatness might make them a little uncomfortable, but my brazen acknowledgement (and acceptance) of it blows their mind, especially since I state it as fact.

Lindsey continues, "As someone who is both taller and heavier than the average American woman, I have always been acutely aware that I take up way more physical space than is deemed appropriate by contemporary feminine beauty standards. Comments about my weight and physical appearance and how to improve it are regular occurrences. The suggestion is always that somehow in losing parts of myself, I could become more.

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“The pressure to conform to the perceived norm that is represented not only in the media but also within our own cultures and class structures becomes internalized, and how we see ourselves can become incredibly skewed. Through self-imposed practices and body rituals, the objects that once bound us physically now are unseen, yet the bindings are stronger than ever.

“These pieces in particular represent my right, and the rights of the individuals I draw, to exist, as is, in spaces that we have been previously denied. We are unapologetic and resilient, a strength cultivated from determination to normalize all the shapes our bodies take.”

Lindsey Guile is a body-neutral and fat-liberationist artist exploring concepts of self-image through the lens of contemporary feminist theory. Lindsey's practice embraces an intermedia approach that utilizes drawing, printmaking, and ceramics in her explorations into how body image affects self-worth. Her work has been exhibited at The Arnot Museum, The Dorsky Museum, Untitled Space Gallery, The Williamsburg Art & Historical Center, Women's Work Gallery, The Birke Art Gallery, among others. Most recently she had a solo exhibition, *Unruly Bodies*, at the Mary Cosgrove Dolphin Art Gallery at Worcester State University in Massachusetts.

Uncensored will be on view in the Gillette Gallery, concurrent with *Blue Edge*, an exhibition of paintings by Anna West in the Balter 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 Lindsey Guile, visit www.lindseyguile.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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