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MEDIA/CALENDAR ALERT

VISUAL STUDIES WORKSHOP HOSTS OPEN STUDIOS EVENT FEATURING THE WORK OF ARTISTS SOPHIE SCHWARTZ & ROBERT DOYLE

- Project Space Residency Artists will Exhibit Photography & Give an Artist Talk -



Image Credit: Bob Doyle (left) and Sophie Schwartz (right), upcoming VSW Project Space Residents

WHAT: 2024 Visual Studies Workshop (VSW) Project Space Residents and visual artists

Sophie Schwartz (New Haven, CT & New York, NY) and Robert Doyle (Perry, NY)

will open their respective studios to the public. They will each discuss their

respective practices in an Artist Talk held in the VSW microcinema.

WHEN: Thursday, March 14, Project Space Open Studios 6-9pm / Artist Talk 7pm

The artist talk will be live streamed on <u>VSW's Twitch channel</u>.

WHERE: Visual Studies Workshop, 31 Prince Street, Rochester, NY

REGISTER: Pay-what-you-choose; suggested \$10 donation. Free for VSW Members. LINK

ASL interpreters will be made available upon request at least two weeks before the event. Email accommodations@vsw.org with access questions.

EVENT DETAILS: Sophie Schwartz is a Cleveland-born photographer and book artist living in between New Haven and New York. Their research positions collaboration as an entry point to investigate grief, memory, and queerness. At the core of their practice are interpersonal relationships and the dance of making images with other people.

<u>Robert Doyle</u> is a photographer and artist interested in generational memory passed not only through stories, but through place, landscape, location, image, sound, and smell. His work explores the exchange/mutation/synthesis of reality and memory, and how the mind edits, files and stores images & memories.

For more than 50 years VSW has provided time, space and resources for artists from all over the world to expand their practice and continue ongoing projects. VSW supports artists in any stage of their career who are working in photography, film, or media art by offering four-week Project Space Residencies at VSW, including space to work, staff support, opportunities to engage with the Rochester community, and a stipend. Project Space Residency alumni include Crystal Z Campbell, Ahndraya Parlato, Joshua Rashaad McFadden, Samantha Box, Anna Kipervaser, Ephraim Asili, and Aspen Mays, among others.

About Visual Studies Workshop: Visual Studies Workshop nurtures experimental and expansive approaches to photography and media arts, and builds community among artists and the public through exhibitions, publications and residencies. VSW was founded in 1969 in Rochester, NY by artist and curator Nathan Lyons (1930–2016), and became one of the earliest independent, not-for-profit, artist-run spaces in the country. More than 50 years later, the organization's mission is reflected in its core programs: VSW Salon, Project Space Artist Residencies, and VSW Press. In support of VSW programs, the organization holds photography and moving image research collections and an art library for artists, critics and the general public to explore, research and reuse. <a href="https://www.ncg/www.