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Evanston Art Center 2024 Exhibition:

Finding Space & Other Stories

EXHIBITION DATES: July 6–28, 2024

OPENING RECEPTION: Sunday, July 7, 1–4 pm

GALLERY HOURS: Monday–Thursday, 9 am–6 pm; Friday, 9 am–5 pm; Saturday & Sunday, 9 am–4 pm

**Registration is required. Visit www.EvanstonArtCenter.org for more information.*

THE EVANSTON ART CENTER (EAC) ANNOUNCES - FINDING SPACE & OTHER STORIES

The Evanston Art Center (EAC) is excited to welcome the public to Michael Liweski's exhibition,

Finding Space & Other Stories!

Finding Space & Other Stories is a collection of mixed media assemblages in artist Michael Liweski's ongoing series examining the societal state of "house and home" – and beyond. The exhibition explores having to leave home and witnessing one's past amidst a backdrop of intercontinental migration, massive pollution from plastic overuse, and global political unrest. The search for belonging is a central theme, while individual pieces present their own narratives.

Tinker Toys appear prominently throughout the works and sparked Liweski's initial inspiration, as he started playing with them to troubleshoot a piece in another series. The smell and feel of familiar wooden wheels and colored sticks brought back a flood of childhood memories which ultimately compelled Liweski's use of the toys in future projects, adding a layer of nuance to their affect.

Finding Space & Other Stories presents the universal experience of moving forward while looking back, and of unpacking and re-examining once at a new destination; moreover, the exhibition reminds us that, despite adversity, "finding space" is often possible.

Finding Space & Other Stories will be exhibited in the Second Atrium Floor Gallery of the Art Center. Opening reception is free and open to the public. This exhibition is partially funded by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency, and the EAC's general membership. Opening reception is free and open to the public! This exhibition is partially funded by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency, and the EAC's general membership.

Evanston Art Center, a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization, is dedicated to fostering the appreciation and expression of the arts among diverse audiences. The Art Center offers extensive and innovative instruction in broad areas of artistic endeavor through classes, exhibitions, interactive arts activities, and community outreach initiatives.

Evanston Art Center is located at 1717 Central St., Evanston, IL. Evanston Art Center Gallery Hours: Monday–Thursday, 9 am–6 pm; Friday, 9 am–5 pm; Saturday & Sunday, 9 am–4 pm. First and second floor gallery spaces are accessible. Limited free parking is available.

For more information, please visit us online at www.evanstonartcenter.org or contact Emma Rose Gudewicz, *Director of Development & Exhibition Manager*, at (847) 475-5300 or egudewicz@evanstonartcenter.org.

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